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Phase II Sewer Project Underway



THE FEEDING HILLS PHASE II SEWER PROJECT is now underway as this huge piece of equipment, digging away at the corner of North Westfield and North Street, readily attests. Fantoni Construction Company is in charge. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

EDIC Passes I-Park Plan

By Stuart Parker

The Agawam Economic Development and Industrial Commission (EDIC) unanimously accepted the WestMass Area Development Corporation (WADC) proposal for an industrial park for the Bowles property Monday. The vote last week's public hearing.

Nothing To Alter Plan

EDIC Chairman Richard Bellico concluded that the public hearing had "brought forth nothing to cause us to alter our plan."

WestMass plan includes the town investing \$600,000 as part of a private-public partnership in the development of the industrial park.

WestMass officials in cooperation with the Agawam Chamber of Commerce have raised an additional \$250,000 for the purchase of the park from the Republican Company (owners of the Springfield Newspapers). The funds will also be utilized for the park's development.

The park is scheduled to be developed over an 11-year period. To release funding for the industrial park, 2/3 of Town Council (10 votes) are necessary. The council is slated to discuss the matter at its next regular meeting, Tuesday April 20.

The council cannot take action on the item until it meets on May 3, according to a new rule instituted by Council President Donald Rheault and accepted by the council.

Bellico said of the proposed plan for the 320-acre site, "The EDIC is firmly committed to the industrial park and we feel that the plan, as submitted by WestMass is in the best interests of the community and we deliver the best possible return."

Several Thousand Jobs

The WestMass plan, covering a 10-year span, calls for the creation of several thousands jobs to the area. Road improvements on Silver Street and Shoemaker Lane have been in the planning stages here for several years.

At the public hearing, held last Wednesday evening at the Junior High, several councilors, including Rheault, expressed disappointment over the EDIC's handling of the public hearing.

"I was disappointed with the EDIC's inability to simply receive in-put without exchanging words," said Rheault.

Rheault went on to say the presentation by EDIC had caused him to take a hard look at the proposal.

"While I remain committed to building the town's tax base, I'm not prepared to give the town away in the process," he said. "With the present financial conditions before us, I'm not certain this town can commit itself to a \$1 million gamble."

Loss Of Zone Changes May Hurt

Rheault also commented that the loss of potential tax revenue as a result of defeated zone changes (most recently the 550-unit condominium complex proposed by local developer Frank Solitario for Hubbard's Corner), might hinder the town's ability to make the \$600,000 investment to aid the WADC purchase of Bowles, as well as hinder further funding required to upgrade roads and construct sewers.

Several other councilors, such as Daniel Lacienski and Jack Shaughnessy, questioned the WestMass plan for a contingency fund of \$951,000. Bellico, when questioned by Lacienski, said he expected all, or most of the contingency to be spent.

Lacienski had hoped that the town might receive part or all of its \$600,000 investment back from the contingency account.

One councilor completely in favor of the proposal, Council Vice-President Dennis Roberts, urged that development of the industrial park be expedited as soon as possible.

Caba Submits More Sewer Funds

By Stuart Parker

Town Manager Edward A. Caba at presstime announced that he will propose a supplemental budget of \$160,000 toward the reduction of the sewer betterment assessments faced by 401 Feeding Hills residents under the Phase II sewer construction project.

Special Meeting Thursday

Caba's proposal will be made to a special meeting of Town Council Thursday night.

Caba's proposal comes in the wake of a move by Precinct 2 councilor Donald Lacienski to completely rescind the sewer betterment ordinance passed last year by the council.

Caba said the funds became available as a result of unanticipated revenue from the state, as well as the higher than expected town revaluation of \$450 million certified by the state two weeks ago.

Caba added that over a year would elapse prior to the billing of residents for construction and that accrued interest earned on the \$160,000 during this time would also be used to ease the sewer assessments.

Each homeowner needing a sewer under Phase II will be assessed a betterment of more than \$2,300. A group calling themselves the Sewerless Homes Committee has strongly opposed the betterment ordinance and were directly responsible for the defeat of former councilor William Herd in last November's municipal elections.

When asked for comment on Caba's move, Lacienski said he remains unimpressed with the administration.

"This in no way changes my feelings on eliminating the ordinance," he said. "I believe it is still unfair and uncalled for. This reduces somewhat the amount of money the people would have to pay but it still amounts to the same taxes as those homeowners with sewers."

Lacienski last week announced he would seek abolition of the betterments ordinance after United Appraisal Corporation, the firm responsible for revaluating the town, told town officials that homeowners having sewers were assessed at the same rate as those homeowners without sewers.

"This announcement dramatically changed the situation," says Lacienski. "The council vote last year was predicated on the claim by former Manager (Richard J.) Bowen that homes having sewers were paying more than those homes who didn't have them."

Not Good Management

"That is no longer the case so how can we now tax these people again with a betterment ordinance. It just doesn't make sense and is not good management in my judgement."

Town Council President Donald M. Rheault said he presently supports rescinding the betterment ordinance after "carefully considering the situation. I believe these sewerless homeowners have a very valid point," Rheault said. "But I do feel that some fee from the homeowners may have to be paid."

Precinct 4 councilor Richard Theroux, chairman of the council's special subcommittee on sewers, remains steadfast that the town "simply needs some money from the homeowners to finance the project."

Theroux disputes the claim that homes having sewers do not improve in value.

Precinct 5 councilor Andrew C. Gallano concurred that the sewers will increase the affected homes' market value, whether recognized by UAC or not. Gallano said he supports retaining the ordinance.

Caba stated rescinding the betterment assessments could put the contract for sewer construction in jeopardy and places the town "wide open for law suits."

"We've proven to the people that we've acted in good faith to reduce their assessments," said Caba. He noted that additional funds may be forthcoming in the future to aid the sewerless homeowners.

"It's important that people understand that the day of the free ride is over. These people have to contribute something for their sewers."

Sewerless Committee Comments On SEWER Situation

See Guest Editorial
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Spring Cleanup Slated

The Agawam Department of Public Works wishes to announce to Agawam residents that the annual Spring Cleanup will be conducted from May 3rd through 13th.

Materials to be collected are solid wastes including but not limited to rubber tires, automobile parts, demolition waste, plumbing fixtures, furniture, mattresses, bedsprings, refrigerators, stoves, water heaters, metal pipes, and other bulky wastes.

Materials specifically excluded from this collection are rubbish, garbage, liquid wastes of any kind, automobile chassis, bodies and motors, tree stumps, branches, brush, lawn clippings, leaves and hedge trimmings.

Materials to be collected must be on the treebelt by 7:00 a.m. of the day of the scheduled collection and shall be placed separate and apart from the regular household rubbish. All small or loose items must be placed in plastic bags or in containers having a maximum capacity of 30 gallons.

The schedule for the collection is as follows:

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Route 5 - May 10
Route 6 - May 11
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Route 8 - May 13

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Longhi Locks Him Up For Heart Association



SAFETY OFFICER AL LONGHI places **Heritage Hall Assistant Administrator James Clifford** into jail recently as part of the **Western Mass. Heart Association's** fund raising drive. Heritage Hall can always be counted on to help out the Heart Association and Clifford and Heritage Hall Administrator **Richard Costa** donate their personal time to the Heart Association's "Jail-Bail" program. The annual awards banquet of the Heart Association is scheduled for the end of the month. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Appeals Board Sets Hearing On 220-Unit Complex

The Board of Appeals, chaired by **Theodore Progulski**, will hear plans for a proposed low-to-moderate income housing project by **Agawam Village Associates** on Thursday, April 22, at the Agawam Middle School.

The proposal, similar to **Pheasant Hill Village** in **Feeding Hills**, would offer 220 units of housing, 110 for elderly and 110 for families.

The sponsor of the project, **Environmental Housing Corporation** of **Newton Heights**, filed for the comprehensive permit from the Appeals Board to allow for construction of the \$10 million project on a parcel located between **Main, Suffield, South, and Adams Streets**.

The developers said the 45-acre parcel, now owned by local resident **James Mercadante**, is under a controlled agreement which would give **Agawam Village Associates** title to the land.

According to many knowledgeable observers here, the town will be hard pressed to stop the project because of the nature of the housing.

If the Appeals Board decides not to grant the permit, the developers could then submit their plans to the Department of Housing in Boston for approval.

Several officials here, who asked not to be named, said that an appeal in Boston could force the town to lose much of its control over the project, a situation that would be avoided if the Appeals Board grants the permit.

The permit was filed under Chapter 744 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or the so-called "Anti-Snob Zoning Law."

The law permits developers to come into a community and build government-sponsored housing. The law allows for 10 percent of Agawam's total housing stock to be earmarked for elderly and low-income development.

According to figures provided by the Agawam Housing Authority, the waiting list of elderly for housing placement numbers 200 here, 137 of whom are Agawam residents. **Pheasant Hill Village** reports that approximately 115 elderly are on its waiting list for housing in the **Feeding Hills** project.

There has been some neighborhood opposition to the plan.

The hearing is scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m. and may draw a large crowd.

The developers said that the huge waiting list of elderly and families waiting to get into the Agawam Housing Authority and **Pheasant Hill Village** demonstrates the need for the 220-unit project.

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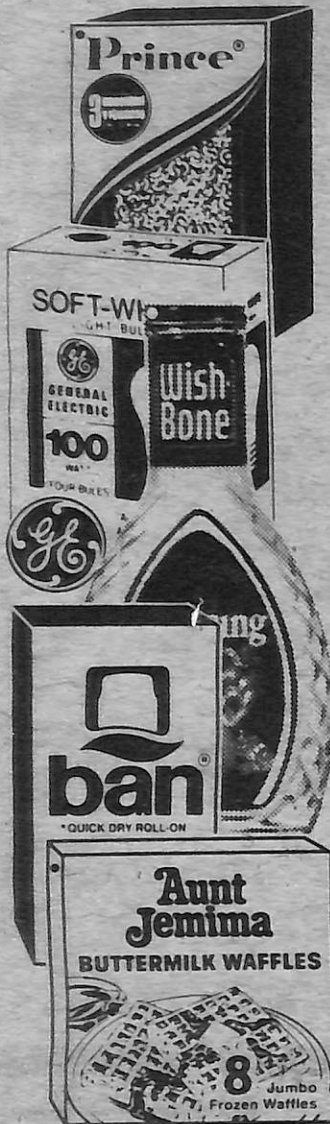
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Aviators Submit Amended I-Park Plan To Officials

The Airpark Development Committee, a local group of aviators attempting to save operation of the Bowles Airport, today told the **Advertiser/News** that they have submitted an amended proposal to that of WestMass Development Corporation for the development of the proposed industrial park at the site.

Presented Proposal

Raymond Lucia, a local businessman and aviator, said he presented the proposal to town officials, members of the Agawam Economic Development and Industrial Commission, and WADC officials.

The keynote of the new proposal surrounds one of the existing runways paralleling Silver Street. Lucia said the Airpark Committee would purchase 100 acres so that a single runway would be preserved within the industrial park.

Purchases of the land would be called the Bowles Airpark Preservation Corporation. "The major factor and most important aspect of this proposal is that it would utilize only limited WADC development acreage and could prove to be a definite opportunity and advantage to WADC development plans," Lucia said.

Lucia and the Airpark Committee have repeatedly stated that industries rely on air travel and would look favorably upon having access to an airport facility close to their plant.

The WADC and town officials have contended that an airport is not economically feasible and would consume too much land earmarked for industrial development.

According to Lucia, the Bowles Airport Preservation Corporation would purchase 100 acres of current airport property which includes lengthening, widening and repaving the existing runway.

Purchase price of the airport property from WADC would be \$400,000 on a 12-month option.

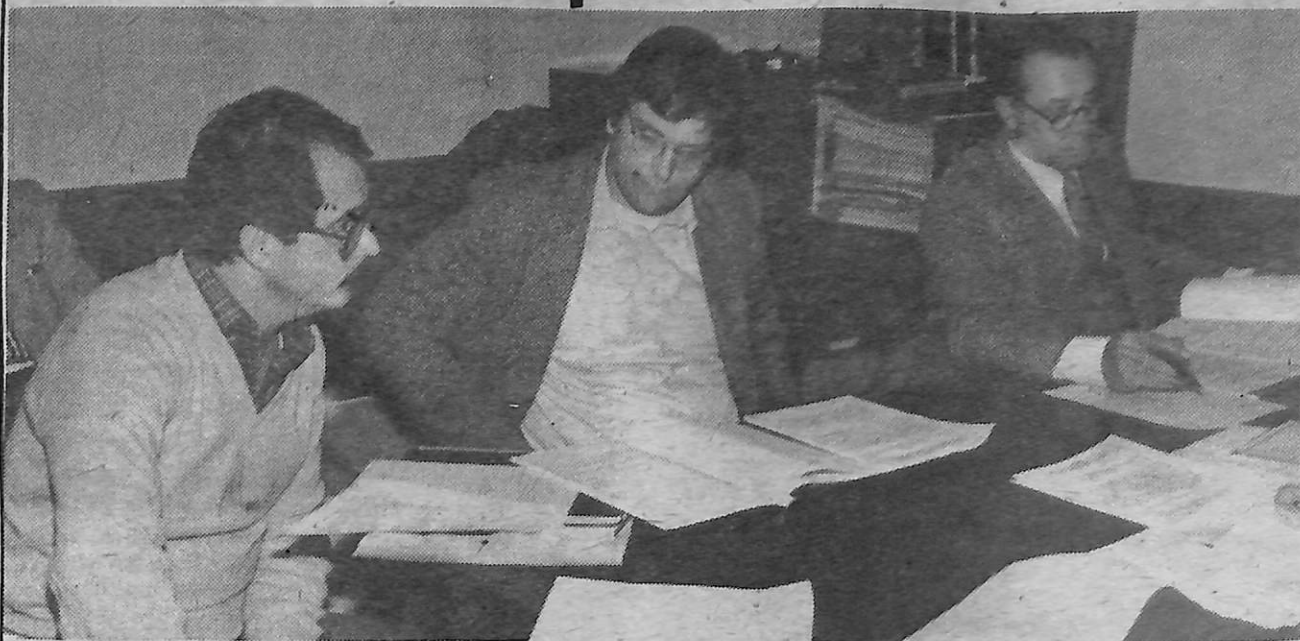
Lucia said certain individuals and corporations, both from local and regional industrial concerns, are prepared to make a commitment to purchase airpark properties and the Preservation Corporation would enter into a preferred marketing agreement with WADC for any undeveloped land under its control.

Will Pay Real Estate Taxes

He also said the Preservation Corporation will pay real estate taxes on all real property in their ownership.

Town Council is scheduled on Tuesday to discuss the transfer of \$600,000 to the EDIC as part of the town's investment in the purchase and development of the Bowles property from the Republican Company, owners of the Springfield Newspapers.

EDIC Accepts I-Park Plan



EDIC MEMBERS (from left) Robert Guidetti, Richard Soderman and EDIC Attorney John Teahan discuss the proposed plan for the Bowles Airport Industrial Park at a meeting Monday. The EDIC passed the plan, as submitted by WestMass Area Development Corporation, unanimously. *Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.*

Sale price for the land has been quoted as \$1.2 million.

WestMass officials and the Agawam Chamber of Commerce have also raised \$250,000 to complete the private-public partnership in the development of the industrial park.

The owners of the Springfield Newspapers have granted an extension to aviators before officially closing the airport. The WestMass plan does not include provisions for an airport, something Lucia and his group hope to change.

Can Function With One Runway

Lucia noted that many airports can function with one runway as proposed by the Airpark Committee and would accelerate the development process.

He said that if the town accepted the new plan, the proposed amendments would go to the EDIC, Planning Board and Town Council.

"We wish for the council and the town to seriously consider our alternative and to carefully review our package. We feel our numbers are correct and we firmly believe that an airport will enhance the development of the industrial park."

"We support the concept of an industrial park but without an airport, the industrial park loses much of its appeal in attracting industry."

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Altobelli Won't Run; Will Support Walsh

Veteran Democrat Rudy Altobelli, who unsuccessfully challenged State Representative Edward W. Connelly in 1980, today told **The Advertiser/News** that he will not seek the Democratic nomination for the same seat in the September 14 primary.

Altobelli, a teacher at Agawam High School, was one of many names mentioned as possibly seeking to run for Connelly's seat, which will be vacated on January 1, 1983.

Several weeks ago, Connelly announced he would not seek a seventh term representing Agawam, Southwick and six hill towns.

In formally disclosing that he will not be a candidate again, Altobelli, a prominent member of the town Democratic Committee, and a long time campaigner for Democrats throughout the state, said he will endorse the candidacy of Michael P. Walsh for the Democratic nomination.

Altobelli said his prime reason for not seeking the seat his close family ties. "I would not want to put my family through another race," he said. "Running a campaign is such a time consuming thing and I want to be spending time with my family, not taking it away from them."

He also cited the large amounts of money needed to finance a campaign as another reason for staying out of the race.

"To run a campaign it also be a tremendous strain on your finances and I do not wish to be responsible for raising large amount of money to win the nomination," he said.

Altobelli called Walsh "a well qualified candidate" who has the educational background and legislative experience to do the job for Agawam.

"I believe Mr. Walsh cares about education on the local level and throughout the state and will work in that direction," Altobelli said. "He also has some legislative experience and knows his way around Boston and that too, is an asset to his candidacy."

Walsh served as aid to Connelly for three years both in the district and in Boston.

Suffield Players Set Production

The spring production of "The Glass Menagerie" by the Suffield Players will be something special. Tennessee Williams' classic of the American theatre is a "memory play," suitable to being presented with considerable freedom from convention. The delicate and tenuous material will be conveyed in the production with some very innovative and imaginative uses of light and music.

The play, which has been in rehearsal since late January, will feature 1981 CTA award winner (for best actress) Betty Williams as Amanda Wingfield. Her son Tom will be played by Lyle Pearsons, soon to be seen performing on the Channel 57 Great Spring Auction.

The part of Laura Wingfield will be played by newcomer Mary Jo Dankert and that of the Gentleman Caller by Konrad Rogowski, last seen in the smash Players production of "The Second Coming."

In honor of the 50th production, the Players are allowing every 50th person to arrive for the play during the course of its run in free of charge.

The play is being directed by CTA award winner Waldo Goodermote of East Longmeadow.

"The Glass Menagerie" will open on April 23 and run for three consecutive Fridays and Saturdays (April 24, 30, May 1, May 7, 8) with a special Thursday performance on May 6. Doors open at 7 p.m., curtain time is 8 p.m. Plays are held at the historic Mapleton Hall in Suffield.

Tickets are \$5 (\$4 for students) and may be reserved by calling the Pioneer answering Service at 203-623-4483.

WSC Slates Fair On Alternative Energy

"Resources for Tomorrow" will be the theme for an Alternative Energy Fair to be held on Earth Day, Sunday, April 25th, at Westfield State College. Sponsored by the WSC's Public Interest Research Group, the fair will feature solar, wind, and wood power exhibits, a hot air balloon, live music, natural foods, and environmental issue information.

Various Western Massachusetts companies and organizations promoting alternatives forms of energy will be on hand with working solar collectors, windmills, and woodstoves. Student built solar ovens and water heaters will help prepare a tempting variety of natural food and drink.

Live entertainment will be provided by a number of local musicians. Environmental groups will distribute information on current issues.

The highlight of the day will be a giant hot air balloon. Tether rides will be offered as well as chances for a 45-minute scenic balloon tour of the Pioneer Valley with complimentary champagne.

Students, families, and all area residents are invited to attend. The fair runs from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. with no charge for the general public.



BETTY WILLIAMS AS Amanda Wingfield and Mary Jo Dankert as her daughter, Laura Wingfield, look over Laura's collection of glass objects, known as the Glass Menagerie. The Tennessee Williams play is being performed by the Suffield Players starting April 23. Mrs. Williams is a CTA award winner.

TV Newsman At WSC

The Economics Society of Westfield State College will present Perspectives on the Presidency with Bill Monroe on Tuesday, April 20th, at Wilson Hall auditorium beginning at 8 p.m.

The executive producer and moderator of television's longest running news show, NBC's "Meet the Press," Monroe is regarded as one of Washington's most distinguished newsmen.

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The Agawam Public Library is proud to announce that former Agawam resident Robert E. Swanson has donated a copy of his new book *Tax Shelters: A Guide For Investors and Their Advisors*, published by Dow Jones-Irwin.

Swanson graduated from Agawam High School in 1965, Amherst College in 1969, and Fordham University Law School in 1974. He is presently a member of Fulop and Hardee law firm in New York and Los Angeles.

In addition, Swanson is a member of the Association of the Bar in New York City, the New York State Bar Association, and the American Bar Association. His specialty is personal tax and financial planning, including estate and gift tax and income tax. He was a former officer in the Trust and Investment Division of Morgan Guaranty Trust Company.

Swanson and his wife Barbara, a graduate of Smith College and a professional writer, live in New Jersey.

The book *Tax Shelters* offers complete, up-to-date advice under the new 1981 tax laws for investors and is an accurate reference for accountants, lawyers, and brokers. It is written in straightforward, non-technical language and covers the basics of how a tax shelter should work, investment tax credits, the importance of depreciation, and the nuts-and-bolts of buying a tax shelter.

The author's father, Ernest Swanson, presented his son's book to the library. The elder Swanson is a resident of Feeding Hills and has been an active town citizen for many years and retired from his job as accountant for Monsanto Company. His numerous achievements include being a member of the Agawam Finance Board, a town meeting representative from Precinct I, building committee chairman for the first addition to Agawam High School, and currently as treasurer for the Captain Charles Leonard House. Ernest's wife Barbara was a first-grade teacher in the Agawam School System for 25 years.



FEEDING HILLS RESIDENT Ernest Swanson presents Chief Librarian Donna Campbell with a copy of his son's new book, "Tax Shelters: A Guide For Investors and Their Advisors." Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.



FORMER AGAWAM RESIDENT Robert E. Swanson and his wife, Barbara, recently released a book on tax shelters and a copy can be found at the Agawam Public Library.

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UNICO Plans Pancake Breakfast

Agawam Chapter of UNICO National will hold a pancake and sausage breakfast on Sunday, April 18th, at the Agawam Middle School cafeteria with continuous servings from 8 a.m. to 12 noon.

Tickets will cost \$1.50 per person and are available from members, from Ticket Chairman Joseph Masucci (786-8026), or at the door.

Proceeds will benefit UNICO charities for mental health, retarded children, scholarships, and others.

In conjunction with the breakfast, wives of members will hold a bake sale.

Scholarship Committee Seeks New Members

Stigmatine Scholarship Fund Committee will have a membership drive in Agawam's two Stigmatine-sponsored churches, Sacred Heart and St. Anthony of Padua, at all weekend masses on April 17th and 18th.

Church ushers will pass out letters and applications to acquaint parishioners with the group which has for its sole purpose raising scholarship aid for young men studying for the Stigmatine priesthood.

Catholic Women's Club To Hear Draghetti

Louis Draghetti, inspector of weights and measures for Agawam, will discuss consumer protection at the April 19th meeting of the Agawam Catholic Women's Club. Draghetti is also liaison officer for cable television and director and chairman of Energy Commission for Low Income Fuel.

The meeting is set for 8 p.m. at St. John's Parish Center on Main Street.

Rummage Sale To Be Held

The Ladies Aid Society of Agawam Congregational Church will hold a rummage sale at the church, 745 Main Street, on Friday, April 23rd, from 10 to 2 and 6 to 8 o'clock.

Grange Slates Meeting

Community Grange will meet on Tuesday, April 20th, at 7:30 p.m. at the Grange Home on North West Street. Junior Grange members will be guests and will provide the program under the direction of Pauline Provost, Junior Matron.

A social hour will follow under the direction of Betsey Beaulieu assisted by Hannah Binns and Katherine Blaszk.

Friendship Tea Scheduled

The Agawam Women's Club will hold its springtime Friendship Tea on Tuesday, April 20th, at 1:30 at the Capt. Charles Leonard House.

The club cordially invites all senior ladies from the Agawam/Feeding Hills area to attend.



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Friends and Neighbors

By Rita White

KRISTY WAGE, 10, daughter of Larry & Darlene WAGE of 67 Red Fox Drive was recently named Miss Pisces in a modeling competition held in Waterbury, Connecticut. Kristy attends Granger School and is in fifth grade. She is also enrolled in dance and baton classes at the Academy of Artistic Performance here in Agawam. Congratulations, Kristy.

Congratulations also to DAVID ANDRY, who recently won second place in the Drum Set Solo Competition at the annual Accordion Teachers Association of Mass. contest held in Newton, Mass. David is a student at Falcetti Studio in Indian Orchard and is drummer in a small combo with two other Agawam boys, MARK LEPPER and MIKE SMITH.

The home of Anne Hall was the scene of a lovely dinner party on Saturday, April 10th, held to introduce Anne's new daughter-in-law to friends of the family. Son GENE's new wife LINDA was an instant hit with everyone, including Anne's daughter SASHA, who was visiting from out of town. Gene and Linda Campbell plan to make their home in California, and we all wish them the very best.

Happy Anniversary greetings go out to HILDA & FRANK BRENNER on their 11th landmark date, which was April 6th. The Brenners have three children: SUSAN, 8; LAURA, 6; and BILLY, 3. They got to take a second honeymoon in Bermuda while loving grandparents did babysitting. Many more to Hilda and Frank.

Happy Birthday to MICHAEL DAVID CUNNINGHAM, son of Michael & Lisa Cunningham. Michael spent his first birthday on April 11th elbow deep in frosting, much to the delight of friends and family who gathered for the happy occasion.

Congratulations to SARAH & DAVID WILSON on the birth of their second child, SARAH AIMEE, born on April 8th weighing 7 pounds, 3 ounces. Three-year-old brother KEVIN was excited by news of a baby sister and, when he saw her, decided she was "nice." Best wishes to the entire family.

Several Agawam residents can be seen in the East Longmeadow Community Theatre production of "Annie Get Your Gun" to be produced at Birchland Park School on April 16, 17, 23, and 24. MAURA MARTIN, daughter of Michael and Kate Martin of 120 Clover Hill Drive, and RITA and SHAWNE WHITE of Feeding Hills all portray Indians in this fun-filled musical. Curtain time is 8 p.m., and tickets will be available at the door.

The Pheasant Hill Social Club has been busy as usual. They held their annual meeting on April 2nd and elected new officers as well as re-electing UR-SULA O'NEILL, president; RAY GOSSELIN, vice-president; and LAURA DUGAN, treasurer. JANICE NOBLE replaced SOPHIE RENALDI, who chose not to run again for secretary. These officers will remain in office until next April.

Various committee chairmen for the year are as follows: ROSE MEZZETTI & JENNIE JUZBA, social, and RITA GIGNERE & JEAN PUGH, Wednesday bingo.

On Monday, April 26th, the Social Club will put on a Monte Carlo whist party in the Skylark Room. Admission will be \$1.50 and many door prizes and refreshments will be given out. Friends are invited to attend. On the committee for this event are Rose Mezzetti, chairman, Millie Bigelow, Bea Gosselin, Doris Paradiso, Laura Dugan, Iris Scott, Sophie Renaldi, Phil Mercadante, Jennie Juzba, and Ellen Tisdale.

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Oldies Dance Scheduled

The Women's Auxiliary of the Italian Sporting Club on Cooper Street, Agawam, will hold an Oldies Dinner Dance on Saturday, April 24th. Music will be provided by Hit Man Productions.

Ziti and meatballs will be served from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Donations are \$6. For tickets call the Italian Sporting Club at 786-4857 or 786-2436 after 5 p.m.

Rosary Society Slates Macaroni Dinner

St. Anthony of Padua's Holy Rosary Society will hold a macaroni and sausage or meatball dinner on Wednesday, April 21st, with continuous servings in the church hall from 6 to 8 p.m.

Tickets will be \$3 for adults and \$2.50 for children. They may be obtained from society members, from Chairpersons Pat Orlosk (786-0642) or Eva Naschembeni (786-2669), at the rectory, or at the door. Walk-ins are welcome.

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Suzanne Brisson Ashe will be one of the artisans participating in the International Festival to be held inside every building of the Springfield Library and Museum Quadrangle on State and Chestnut Streets on Saturday, May 1st, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The event will coincide with the opening of the World's Fair in Knoxville, Tennessee. Admission is free. Seventeen local ethnic communities are participating in this event sponsored by the World Affairs Council of the Connecticut Valley to promote better understanding of the world community and to raise money for international education in area schools.

Mrs. Brisson-Ashe will be demonstrating hand quilting for the French Canadian Community. Owner of the Piecemakers Quilt Shop in Feeding Hills, her work includes a hand-quilted wedding gown containing over 3,000 pearls which was shown at the Quilt Market in Houston, Texas, last fall.

The festival will include a continuous schedule of folk dancing, music, slides, and movies of native lands and ceremonies, demonstrations by artisans, and tours of international exhibits in the library and museum collections.

Exotic food and drink will be served in a tent on the Quadrangle green while supplies last. Children will especially enjoy the readings of folk stories in the Children's Room of the library and the chance to choose from a bouquet of colorful balloons.



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Programs Galore For Library Week

By Dorine Kubik

The Agawam Public Library is observing National Library Week April 18-24 with a variety of programs to interest all age groups. Agawam residents are invited to attend the special programs free of charge.

Patriot's Day is always celebrated as a state holiday in Massachusetts on the third Monday in April; therefore, the library will be closed on that day.

On Tuesday, April 20th, from 2:30-3:30, a children's program will be presented featuring the filmstrip "Horton Hatches the Egg" and books with Dr. Seuss.

On Wednesday, April 21st, from 2:30-3:30, a storytime for elementary-school aged children will present new and old favorite picture books. Crayons may be brought from home for this activity to give children an opportunity to illustrate their favorite books.

On Thursday, April 22nd, at 3 p.m., a puppet show with puppeteers Robert Rogers and Gregg Glaser from Puttputts Unlimited of Norwalk, Connecticut, will feature the classic "Wind in the Willows" including puppets, scenery and a classical music score. This show is free for elementary-school aged children in Agawam; children under 5 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Seating is limited so reservations should be made in advance by calling the library.

On Friday, April 23rd, at 7 p.m., the movie "Dr. Strangelove: Or How I Learned To Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb" starring George C. Scott and Peter Sellers will be shown. This award-winning film will be for older teens and adults. Tickets are free and light refreshments will follow. To reserve tickets, stop in or call the library.

This month's movie, the classic "King Kong," will be shown on Saturday, April 24th at 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m.

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Public libraries today are much more interesting than they were twenty-five years ago. Today's modern library is an active community center directly involved with the main stream of living mainly due to the librarian's changing role.

The Agawam Library carries a wide variety of books to meet the public's daily living needs. Such subjects as child care, consumer education, job resumes, hobbies, money problems, and cooking are just a few that can be found in addition to the usual classics and other worthy literature.

Many types of recordings are also available on loan as well as are framed art prints. Residents can stop by at the comfortable reading area and browse through the many popular magazines and newspapers.

The Agawam Library offers discussion groups, lectures, and stimulating programs for adults in its Community Room. The staff recently held a program on stress reduction and is scheduling another called Halt The Salt this Thursday, April 15th. A four-session program on freedom from smoking will occur in May.

Throughout the year, story hours are held for preschoolers. In most cases, these represent the first time a child is with a group away from Mother, and these sessions help to prepare both mothers and children for first school days. While their children are engaged in fun-filled activities, mothers may relax with a cup of coffee and yet observe their little ones from a safe distance.

Different themes are used in conjunction with National Library Week. Here in Agawam, head librarian Donna Campbell prefers the theme "Libraries Are Full Of Wonder." The West Springfield Library is using "Libraries Share," and the Springfield Library is following "A Word to the Wise - Library."



BONNIE VIGELAND, the Public Library's new reference librarian, displays poster which symbolizes National Library Week - READ. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.



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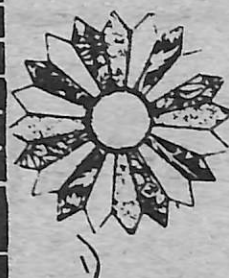
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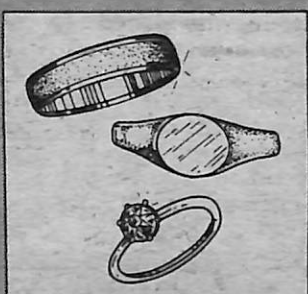
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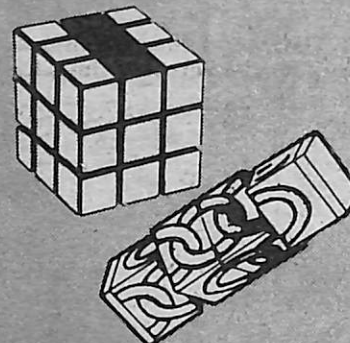
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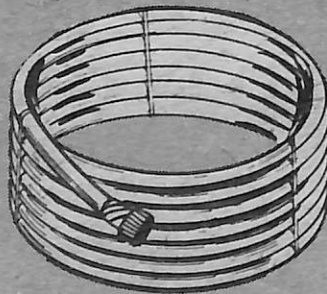
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PWP Slates Orientation

Parents Without Partners will hold an orientation at Faith Church, corner of Sumner Avenue and Fort Pleasant Street, Springfield, on Tuesday, April 27th, at 8 p.m. for prospective members.

Individuals are invited to attend to learn about the organization.

OBITUARIES

Stanley C. Fuller

Stanley C. Fuller, 60, of 61 Peros Drive, Agawam, husband of Jessie D. (Mackenzie) Fuller, a member of the Agawam School Committee, died Sunday, April 11, 1982, in Bay State Medical Center, Springfield Hospital Unit.

Born in Johnson, Vermont, August 7, 1912, he was the son of the late Earl C. and Lula (Loneragan) Fuller.

He had lived in Northampton for five years before becoming an Agawam resident twenty-eight years ago. Mr. Fuller was a graduate of Spaulding High School in Barre, Vermont; a graduate of Northampton Commercial College in Northampton and an alumnus of American International College in Springfield.

He was a veteran of World War II with the rank of Army Sergeant, seeing action in the Battle of the Bulge. An accountant, Fuller was a thirty-year employee of United Technologies of East Hartford, CT, having retired in June, 1981.

He was a member of the Agawam Congregational Church and a member of the Agawam Disabled Veterans.

Besides his widow, he leaves a son, Marc Allan of Agawam; a daughter, Alison Fleury of Knoxville, Tennessee; two brothers, Carroll Fuller of Williamstown, Vermont, and Dean Fuller of Sanford, Florida.

Colonial Funeral Chapel was in charge of services with burial in Springfield Street Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Stanley C. Fuller Scholarship Fund in care of the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Roman Stelmach

Roman Stelmach, 76, of 37 Oxford Street, Agawam, died Tuesday in Bay State Medical Center, Springfield Hospital Unit.

Born in Lwow, Poland on November 25, 1905, he was a former resident of Suffield, Connecticut and Springfield before moving to Agawam 15 years ago.

Mr. Stelmach was captured in 1939 by the Russians and taken to work camps in Siberia for five years, then to East Africa for six years. He lived in many European countries and settled in France for five years before coming to the United States in 1952.

He was employed by the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad for 15 years, retiring in 1971. From 1971 to 1973, he was employed by Turcotte Manufacturing Company in Agawam.

He leaves his wife, Antonio (Kosinski) Stelmach, two sons, John of Boston and George of Agawam, two daughters, Maria Podgurski of Longmeadow, a teacher in the Chicopee school system; and Irene Bove of Southboro, MA. He also leaves a sister, Anna Wielowiezka of Poland and nine grandchildren.

The funeral will be held Friday morning at 9 a.m. from the Colonial Funeral Chapel, 985 Main Street, Agawam, with a liturgy of Christian burial in St. John the Evangelist Church at 10 a.m. Burial will be in Agawam Center Cemetery. Visiting hours at the Chapel will be Thursday from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9



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The science museum in the Quadrangle in Springfield will show a different film every day at 1 p.m. Demonstrations with live animals or chemistry experiments will be held daily at 1:30 and 2:30.

Admission to the museum's activities is by donation and also includes exhibits, the aquariums, and the exciting Discovery Area with lots of "hands on" activities for kids.

Throughout the week, guides will be roaming the halls, giving talks and displaying a variety of items from mushrooms to fossil bones. Sounds like fun, doesn't it? They've even got a crafts session scheduled for kids on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 1 to 3 o'clock.

Museum hours are 12 to 5 o'clock Tuesday through Sunday with evening hours on Tuesday. They are closed Monday. Call them at 733-1194 for more information.

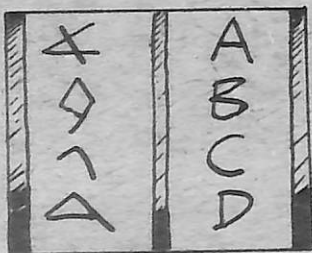
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If you and the kids have the vacation itch already, visit Laughing Brook Friday, April 16th, for their Spring Skies nighttime program of stargazing. (Cloud date: Saturday). Laughing Brook will be open all week from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for kids under 16 - compare that to the price of a movie or an hour with a video game!

Stroll miles through the sanctuary, tracking elusive spring on nature trails. Deer, an eagle, coyotes, a new vulture, bobcats, and many more animals hiss, howl, and hoot from outdoor cages.

Indoors, more live animals are on display. A solar greenhouse, natural history exhibits, and a Clivus Multrum are included in the admission price. Special events are planned for children every day at 10:30. Call the Education Center at 566-8034 for schedules of their crafts, nature walks, live animal displays, and storytelling programs.

Both museums are real bargains this vacation. These folks have been planning for months to give you a day out with the kids next week. Take advantage of them. Drag yourself away from spring cleaning, pull the kids off the wall, and head out to the Springfield Science Museum and Laughing Brook Education Center.



Our alphabet evolved from old Phoenician script.

Recycle Worn Clothing

By Dorine Kubik

When spring cleaning rolls around and you find yourself with your children's clothing out of style, outgrown, or worn-out here are some helpful hints to recycle some of them and gain for yourself in the long run.

You can trade-in your children's worn-out jeans at certain area stores. These stores offer from \$3.00 to \$5.00 off on the price of a new pair of jeans if you bring in an old pair. The dates are advertised when this is offered.

Around the area are used clothing stores that will sell used clothing for you. They sell the clothes and you receive a commission. Unlike the trade-in offer, the clothes must be in good condition. Some used clothing stores will not take clothing out-of-season, out-of-style, or with rips. They must be clean and the sizes clearly marked.

Turn out-of-style bell bottoms into tapered legs by sewing them up and down on the sewing machine and trimming the excess. If they turn out wrong, you can always make cut-offs for the summer.

Have a tag sale or a garage sale. Many people buy a lot of clothing for their younger children this way. Barter with your friends or relatives by trading a no longer needed small size for a larger size.

If you can not bear to part with a favorite dress that your daughter has outgrown, make a clothes pin bag from it. Dresses size 1 are just right. Sew across the bottom hem line and add a coat hanger. Use the opening at the back neckline to remove the clothes pins. It looks cute out on the clothesline with the wash.

Recycle clothing into a patchwork quilt. Save colorful squares of material to sew into a memory quilt for next winter. Of course, you can always donate clothing to a favorite charity.

Think twice before stuffing unwanted clothing into a green trash bag and sending it out to the trash. Recycle instead!

Drewnowski Pool To Sponsor Seminar On Pool Maintenance

"How To Save Money On Swimming Pool Maintenance" will be the topic of discussion at a free seminar given by Drewnowski Pool Company on Tuesday, April 27th, at 7 p.m. at the Sheraton Inn West.

A nationally known lecturer on pool water chemistry will be the guest speaker. He will discuss how to attain safe and healthy pool water for the least amount of money as well as lead a discussion on filtration, pool openings and closings, solar heat and water testing. There will be a question-and-answer period following discussion.

Drewnowski will offer their lowest prices of the season on chemicals as well as having door prizes and free refreshments. Anyone interested in attending the seminar should call Drewnowski Pool Company at 786-7214.

Agawam Man Honored By John Hancock Insurance Co.

Sidney J. Way of 56 Valentine Terrace, Agawam, was honored recently by the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Company at its annual President's Club business conference in Maui, Hawaii.

A member of the Hancock district office in West Springfield, Way is among 375 of the company's 6,655-member district agency field sales force who qualified for membership in the President's Club on the basis of outstanding sales achievements in 1981.



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Community Scrapbook

By Alexis Ferioli

Florence Blish Serves Grange

Florence Blish has sown the seeds of kindness, understanding, respect, and patriotism and has reaped a harvest full of activities, usefulness, companionship, and memories. Her fifty-seven years of dedicated service in the Community Grange of Feeding Hills have enabled her to utilize her potential and help her fellow man.

Florence, a charter member of the local grange, is currently serving as the organization's secretary while simultaneously acting as lecturer of the "Pomona" or the six-county grange. She became involved with the local grange as a young girl through her father, a former master of the Granby unit. She fondly recalls his declaring, "By all means, we'll all join," when approached by organizers of the newly formed Feeding Hills branch.

"For me, it was simple," explains Florence. "It was a way of life."

Florence is a retired special education teacher who taught in West Springfield and East Longmeadow for twenty-five years. "Back then, teaching the mentally retarded was relatively innovative and very challenging," she points out, saying she still keeps in contact with many of her former students.

A lifelong resident of Agawam, she has one sister, Elise Bradway of Feeding Hills. Florence is also an active member of the Feeding Hills Women's Club, which her mother helped to found, and is a trustee of the Feeding Hills Congregational Church. She also enjoys working with the Ladies Benevolent Society of the church.

Florence's hobbies include knitting, which she sells, gardening, and world traveling. "I've been to every continent except Antarctica," she proudly boasts, noting her hopes of traveling more in the near future.

When asked how she can manage such a busy life, she responds, "I'm very happy and fortunate to have good health. I enjoy my life and love being able to help others in need through the grange."

ORIGIN OF THE GRANGE

Florence vividly retraces the origin of the National Grange to the Civil War. The grange is 100 years old and the oldest farm-fraternal organization in the country. It evolved due to President Andrew Johnson's concern over how to restore agriculture in the war-scarred South.

Eventually, a farming fraternity developed and spread to the farming states. Presently, there are granges in forty-one states of the U.S.

The word *grange* is derived from the Old English word for farm, and officer designations within the organization are also derived from the British estates, commonly called "granges."



Miss Florence Blish

The top officer is called the *master*, as would be the owner of a farm. The next officer is the *overseer*, or the prime worker of the farm. He, in turn, is succeeded by the *steward* and *assistant steward*, who assist the overseer on a farm. Included are a *gatekeeper* (door guard), *chaplain*, *lecturer* (program chairman), *secretary*, and *treasurer*.

Three patronesses of the grange are derived from Greek mythology. These are Ceres, the goddess of grain; Pomona, the goddess of fruits; and Flora, the goddess of flowers. These officers plus a three-member executive committee set policy and ritual for each subordinate grange.

WHAT IS A GRANGE?

What is the grange? According to Florence Blish, it is a combination of agriculture and the Bible. The grange is dedicated to community service, such as contributing to Agawam's ambulance fund, and supports lobbyists in both Washington D.C. and Boston.

Open to all races and creeds, the grange welcomes anyone with an interest in gardening or agriculture and who is concerned about the welfare of our natural resources.

Florence happily reports that the Massachusetts State Grange Educational Aid Fund, which has been in existence since 1911, annually provides financial assistance to any member who wishes to continue his/her education. This coming year, approximately forty-five \$400 scholarships will also be made available to any qualifying grange members.

There are currently 88 members in the Community Grange of Feeding Hills and 22 members in the Junior Grange. The Junior Grange encompasses the age group 5 to 14 and encourages youngsters to take responsibility, learn the process of legislation, enjoy projects, skills, crafts, and talents. The Community Grange meets the first and third Tuesday of each month at the Grange Home on North West Street.

The National Grange is dedicated to improving the economic well-being and quality of life of the American farmer and his fellow neighbors. We applaud our local Community Grange and its dedicated member Florence Blish, who exemplifies this national objective.

IF YOU KNOW A MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY WHO merits being a part of our COMMUNITY SCRAPBOOK, please call Alexis Ferioli at 786-3271.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday, April 17th
Bible Seminar
St. David's Church
8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Friday, April 23rd
Cong. Ch. Rummage Sale
745 Main St.
10-2; 6-8

Sunday, April 18th
Unico Pancake Breakfast
Middle School Cafeteria
8 a.m. - Noon

Saturday, April 24th
Oldies Dinner Dance
Italian Sporting Club
6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 21st
Macaroni Dinner
St. Anthony Church Hall
6-8 p.m.

Saturday, April 24th
Grange Tag Sale
Grange Hall, No. West St.
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NEW BEGINNINGS

By Rita White



Well, Seniors, keep the faith. Unless we've unknowingly changed places with Alaska, spring is lurking somewhere in our midst. It has been a hard winter for us, but it has been worse in other parts of the country. The weather, like so many other things in our lives, is something we have no control over, so we must learn to cope and to accept. It is by constantly battling forces over which we have no control that we become bitter, angry, and frustrated. Concentrate your efforts on those things which you are able to control. Positive energy is so much more wisely spent. You will find that positive energy never seems to run out. It is a sort of rejuvenating process. If everyone lived his life using that kind of positive energy, we would all be much happier, healthy people.

April 20 is the hypertension clinic for those with last names beginning with the initials P thru Z. Remember how important this is.

If you're planning on lunch at the senior center next week, here is what you can count on: Tuesday, meatloaf; Wednesday, turkey fricassee; Thursday, roastbeef hash and Friday, clam chowder and grilled cheese. Any of your favorites here? Good, be sure and call a day ahead. Also, remember that Monday is Patriot's Day, which is a holiday, and the center will be closed.

Some happy birthdays going out to HELEN KOUTROUMPIS on the 16th, JOSEPH HAYES on the 17th, ELIZABETH METAYER on the 18th, MARY FITZGERALD on the 18th, HELEN VOLIKAS on the 19th and IRENE PHELPS on the 20th. We hope this very special day is a wonderful one for all of you.

The Senior Center has two really great trips planned for you. The first is on May 11th to Newport, Rhode Island, where you will tour two of the fantastic mansions there, the Breakers and the Elms, and also enjoy the view from Ocean Drive. A complete lunch will be included at the beautiful Shamrock Cliff Inn. Tickets for this trip are \$20, and Dorothy will begin taking reservations immediately.

The next trip is a repeat of one last year that was so very popular. On May 30th, there will be a trip to Beverly, Mass. to see Le Grand David and His Spectacular Magic Company. Luncheon will be at the King's Grant Inn. En route there will be a stop in Salem for sightseeing. This trip is also \$20.

Those of you who have made some of these trips with the center know how great they are, so do hurry and make your reservations while there are seats available.

Retired Teachers Plan Lunch

The spring luncheon and meeting of the Hampden North Chapter Massachusetts Retired Teachers will be held at the Wyckoff Park Golf and Country Club on Northampton Road, Holyoke, on Thursday, May 8th. A social hour will take place at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:30.

A luncheon reservation for either scrod or capon at \$7.75 may be obtained by check made out to Hampden North MRTA and sent to Miss Sophia Chmura, chairperson, no later than Monday, April 26th.

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TOWN COOKBOOK

By Mary Ann Govoni

Now that Easter is over and there is still some ham left over, "what will I do with the extras." The next two recipes are great with left over ham.

HAM CROQUETTES

- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1/3 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup milk
- 2 cups coarsely ground cooked ham
- 1 tablespoon chopped onion
- 1 tablespoon parsley flakes
- 2 beaten eggs
- 1 cup fine cracker crumbs

Melt the butter and blend in flour. Add the salt and milk. Cook quickly, stirring constantly, until thickened. Cool. Add the ham, onions, and parsley, and chill at least 45 minutes.

Shape into croquettes. Dip into beaten eggs, then in cracker crumbs. Let stand a few minutes.

Fry in deep fat (375) 7 to 8 minutes or until brown. Drain on paper towels. Makes about 12 croquettes or 6 servings. Serve with broiled peach halves and tossed salad.

This next recipe is good for lunches, it is also made with left over ham.

HAM SALAD

- 1 cup ground cooked ham
- 1/4 cup chopped celery
- 1/4 cup pickle relish
- 1/4 cup mayonnaise
- 1 teaspoon horseradish
- 10 slices buttered bread (your choice)
- 5 slices swiss cheese
- 10 slices tomato

Combine the first 5 ingredients, chill. Spread on 5 slices of bread. Top each with cheese slice, then tomato slice; sprinkle lightly with salt. Top with remaining bread. Makes 5.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS: A large roast will carve more easily after it stands for about 30 minutes.

Parsley makes a very nice garnish for any type of dish, cold meat platters, roast and salad dishes.

If it's important to get walnut meats out of the shell, whole, soak the nuts overnight in salt water before you crack them.

QUICK QUIZ

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Landmark Cities

Landmarks trace the beginnings and highlight the growth of many American cities. Test your city knowledge with this quiz.

1. Fort McHenry, site of inspiration for the Star Spangled Banner, protected the harbor of

(a) Baltimore (b) Boston (c) Philadelphia

2. The Space Needle is located in

(a) Houston (b) Seattle (c) Cape Canaveral

3. The Old North Church played an important part in

_____'s history.
(a) Portland (b) Nashville (c) Boston

4. The Gateway Arch is located on the riverbank of

_____. (a) St. Louis (b) San Diego (c) San Francisco

5. _____ is the home city of NASA. (a) Seattle (b) Houston (c) Omaha

6. Whose skyline is the backdrop for the Golden Gate Bridge? (a) St. Louis (b) New York City (c) San Francisco

Answers:

1(a) 2(b) 3(c) 4(a) 5(b) 6(c)

Sarat Ford Owner Says New Englanders Enjoy Ford Escort Model

New Englanders, noted for their thriftiness and practicality, fit the portrait of today's car consumer as painted by a recent automobile consumer research survey. According to the survey, concern for dependability and quality now rank higher than fuel efficiency, since are purchases are increasingly viewed as long-range investments.

One of the new cars on the market that appears to be meeting this demand for quality is the Ford Escort. John S. Sarat of Sarat Ford in Agawam reports that New England consumers account for more Escort purchases than any other region in the United States except one. Since the introduction of the Ford Care program (maintenance warranty for 24 months or 24,000 miles), Sarat said that daily Escort sales have tripled at New England Ford dealerships.

To demonstrate to consumers that the New England Ford dealers appreciate the interest the public has shown in the Escort, dealers like Sarat are offering limited edition, V.I.P. Escorts. The limited edition is the base model with a discounted package of special options such as two-tone paint, accent stripes, and chrome wheel moldings. The car is being specially manufactured for New England consumers only.

The limited edition Escort not only offers careful New England consumers a dependable, economical car, but also one with a lot of style.



THE 1982 FORD ESCORT, according to a survey, is meeting demands for dependability and quality which now rank higher than fuel efficiency in the minds of many car buyers. Since the introduction of the car, says John Sarat, owner of Sarat Ford Sales, daily Escort sales have tripled at New England Ford Dealerships.

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A PART OF LIFE...

By Peter Forastiere
Colonial Funeral Chapel

Confronting Reality

When someone dies, a life on earth ends. What remains is the body of a man, woman or child who once was loved and who loved in return. When we remember that person, we often think of him in terms of his physical being - his body.

That is why it is difficult, if not impossible, for most survivors to dissociate themselves immediately from the lifeless body. Our mind requires evidence that life has ended. The presence of the body gives this evidence and provides the opportunity for recall and reminiscence. It offers testimony and tribute to the life that has been lived.

In most events and ceremonies, there is a meaningful symbol or person upon which to focus our attention. At a wedding, it is the bride and groom. For the pledge of allegiance, it is the flag. At a birthday party, it is the person whose birthday is being celebrated. And at the funeral, it is the body of the person who died.

The first step in starting the process of healthful mourning is to acknowledge that the death has occurred. Nothing confirms this reality like viewing the body. Seeing is believing. It is the first essential step toward managing one's grief.

Viewing has become more important today than ever before. More people are dying away from home. There are more deaths following long and devastating illness. There are more people whose lives end under tragic circumstances. Several helpful purposes are served by viewing the body during the wake or visitation.

REALIZATION: the moment of truth when a person confronts the fact of death by looking at the body.

RECALL: whether the death was due to an accident or after a long, devastating illness, proper preparation gives the family a more acceptable recall or memory image of the deceased than what they had witnessed prior to death.

EXPRESSION: many people find it difficult to express themselves if they don't do it right away. Thus the body present and viewed during the visitation provides an immediate and proper climate for such expression.

People tend to deny painful reality, but when they experience that moment of truth that comes when they stand before the dead body, their denials collapse. Grief is a feeling. If you deny it, you have difficulty coping with it, but if you face it, you start the process of healthful mourning.

For most, the funeral with the body present becomes an experience of value as they work through the sociological, psychological, and many times religious needs that are a part of the grief experience.



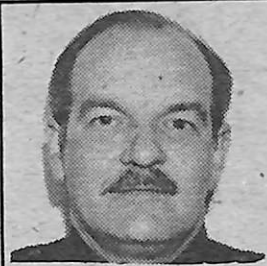
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Crime Watch

By Officer James Frantz
Agawam Police Dept.

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY PART II

There are some things you should watch for in your neighborhood that are not particularly obvious. For example, not every stranger who comes into your neighborhood is a criminal. There are many legitimate door-to-door salesmen, repairmen, and servicemen moving around your neighborhood all the time. But criminals do take advantage of this by assuming the identity of legitimate business representatives.

After all, if a criminal looked like a criminal, no one would have trouble spotting him/her!

Here are some situations you might see:

Someone going door to door in your neighborhood.

Watch for a while. If after a few houses have been visited, one or more of the persons tries a door to see if it is locked or goes into a back or side yard, it could be a burglar.

Someone waiting in front of a house or business becomes suspicious if the owners are absent or if it's a business, the business is closed. It might be a lookout for a burglary in progress.

A person running, especially if carrying something of value, could be leaving the scene of a crime.

A person exhibiting unusual mental or physical symptoms may be injured, under the influence of drugs or otherwise in need of medical or psychiatric assistance.

Suspicious activity involving vehicles may appear as any vehicle moving slowly and without lights or following a course that appears aimless or repetitive.

A vehicle parked and occupied by one or more persons is especially significant if observed at an unusual hour.

Vehicles being loaded with valuables are suspicious if parked in front of closed businesses or untended residences.

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EDITORIAL



Letters To The EDITOR

Residents Support Sewerless Homeowners

To The Editor:

After reading various articles regarding the sewerless homeowners being told to pay excessive fees for the installation of sewers, we sympathize with these people.

We were thoroughly disappointed when the town administration claimed they couldn't find a dime to aid these people, yet monies have been set aside for other purposes.

As recently as two week ago, quoting the administration, the Town of Agawam has \$1.7 million in free cash. Why can't some of this money be used to help these people?

We are therefore in support of the motion to repeal the betterments ordinance.

Yours truly,
C. Philp
J. Remillard



From The Third

By Edward W. Connelly
MA State Rep
Third Hampden District

Last year, partly because of the BETTER BUDGET and its influence in the Legislature, cities and towns successfully weathered the first year of cuts under Proposition 2 1/2. However, under the formula used for distributing local aid funds to cities and towns, some received more than the amount of their cuts while others received only a small percentage.

As we enter the second budgetary cycle under Proposition 2 1/2, only 33 of the 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth must make further property tax cuts in order to comply with 2 1/2.

The issues emerging in this, the second year of the tax cut law mandated by the voters in 1980 include the vital question of which cities and towns will receive the higher percentage of local aid money and how should the money be distributed?

Governor King's answer is to infuse the few cities and towns - mostly the older cities - that still have to cut - with heavy doses of local aid at the expense of the majority. While no one argues that the communities that have further cuts to make should receive a significant portion of new local aid, the communities that have already achieved the property tax cuts mandated by law through various means, should not be penalized.

In the BETTER BUDGET, we level fund the Local Aid Fund from Fiscal Year 1982. This means that cities and towns will receive the same amount of money in Fiscal Year 1983 that they did in Fiscal Year 1982 from this fund. The money coming through this fund balances the money coming from the Chapter 70 formula.

The combination insures that no city or town is hurt or unfairly benefits in the distribution of local aid.

We provide support for one-half of the Fiscal Year 1983 losses under Proposition 2 1/2. This affects 33 cities and towns. We believe that the Commonwealth does have an obligation of help cities and towns to adjust to Proposition 2 1/2, since the Commonwealth can be blamed in part for the need for Proposition 2 1/2.

We provide \$112 million to be distributed on a per capita basis. This insures that every city and town will share proportionately in the extra money available.

Our local aid proposal provides \$247 million in new local aid for Fiscal Year 1983 in addition to increases to various line-items where we agree with the Governor's recommendations. This is \$177 million more than the new local aid package recommended by the Governor.

Budget debate is expected to begin the last week of April.

Legal Notices Accepted

Guest Editorial...

Town Assessment Proves Our Point

By Will Daigneault
Chairman - Sewerless Homes Committee

In February of this year Town Manager Edward A. Caba, on behalf of the Sewerless Homes Committee, wrote to the Project Director of United Appraisal Company as to what effect the sewer has on the valuation of homes with sewers as opposed to those without.

The reply flatly stated that no difference between a sewer or sewerless home exists in terms of property valuation - therefore, a sewer has no value.

Moreover, the tax records of the town show that all homes are taxed same rate whether they have sewers or not. The Betterment Ordinance, therefore, cannot be imposed upon homes that are already paying taxes on a par with the entire community. The property is not being bettered financially by the installation of the sewers.

This ordinance was enacted by Town Council last year under the guise that the town had no money to pay the entire cost of the Phase II project. This was borne out by the rejection of all attempts to assist the homeowners with funding.

On Thursday evening a special meeting of Town Council was called by Mr. Caba. The administration will be offering \$160,000 to be used toward the Phase II Sewer Project. This only points out that there is money available now and most likely is only the beginning of the money that is available.

Over the next two to three years that the sewers will be installed there will be additional funds brought to the community through an increased tax base (assuming of course some of these projects slated to benefit the tax base are passed), sale of property and possibly additional grants, etc.

All of this only points out the complete uselessness of this betterment ordinance.

On Tuesday, April 20th the motion to repeal the Betterments Ordinance will come before Town Council for discussion and for a possible vote on May 3. We, the Sewerless Homes Committee, urge all residents to attend this meeting and show support for the complete removal of this unfair ordinance.

Guest Editorial...

Use of Water Dept. Surplus Funds

By David Gallano
Town Treasurer

The continuing controversy about what to do with the \$180,000 water surplus fund is quite easy to solve.

The Town Code, Section 19-11, simply states: "The income of the water works shall be applied to defraying all operating expenses, interest charges, and payments on principal as they accrue upon any bonds, notes, or scrip issued under the authority of this article. If there should be a net surplus remaining after providing for such charges, it shall be used for such new constructions as the department of public works may determine upon; and in the case a surplus should remain after payment for such new construction, the water rates shall be proportionately reduced."

* 1) Surplus must first be used for new construction.

* 2) Only after new construction is completed shall rates be reduced.

* 3) There is no reference in the Town Code about refunding the surplus back to users.

Now that the Council has defeated the transfer of water surplus funds to the General Account, the most intelligent move at this time is to use the surplus funds to cover newly authorized construction, as the Code demands.

On September 21, 1981, the Town Council authorized the administration to bond \$600,000 for new water construction on North Westfield Street and \$160,000 for new construction on Silver Street.

In view of those Council orders, it is logical and advisable to use surplus funds (\$160,000) to offset at least the Silver Street bond issue. This would eliminate issuing a one-year temporary loan with a 8.5% interest cost of \$13,600, a ten-year 10% permanent bond interest cost of \$74,800, and a bond administration cost of \$2,000, for a total cost to the taxpayer of over \$90,000! In addition, it would eliminate a budget appropriation of \$16,000 per year for ten years for the principal payment on that bond.

Logical? Of course! By allowing the department of public works without interference to use the \$160,000 surplus to pay now for the Silver Street water project, we would not have to expend another \$250,000 during the next ten years. It's by this process and thinking that the town administration has been able to save money for the taxpayer.

It will require an average yearly payment of about \$93,000 for the next ten years to cover the cost of issuing a \$600,000 bond for the North Westfield Street water project. This project can only be paid from water surplus funds. So...future water surplus is a must!

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will give a hearing at the Middle School Auditorium, 68 Main Street, Agawam, THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 1982, at 7:30 P.M. o'clock to all parties interested in the appeal of AGAWAM VILLAGE ASSOCIATES who are seeking a Comprehensive Permit under Mass. General Laws, Chapter 40B, Section 20-24 inclusive, to allow the construction of 23 multi-family buildings containing 220 dwelling units and recreational facilities on approximately 33 acres of land lying southerly of ADAMS STREET and easterly of PINEVIEW CIRCLE further identified as 1224-1238 MAIN STREET.

By order of the Board of Appeals,
Theodore A. Progulski, Chairman
Published: April 8 & 15, 1982

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ZONE CHANGE HEARING TOWN OF AGAWAM

IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED & EIGHTY-TWO AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE

Be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Agawam as follows: The zoning ordinance passed and approved on December 21, 1972 to take effect on January 1, 1973, entitled "Zoning" is hereby amended by changing from Agricultural and Residence A-2 to Residence A-3 for certain real estate situated on the Westerly side of Suffield Street just South of the Route 57 underpass, in Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts, described as follows:

Beginning at an iron pipe on the Westerly side of Suffield Street at land now or formerly of Calabrese and thence running Southerly along said Suffield Street six hundred and seventy-two and 75/100 (672.75) feet to an iron pipe at other land now or formerly of William E. Quinlan; thence Westerly along land of said Quinlan thirteen hundred and fifty-six and 06/100 (1356.06) feet to an iron pin at land now or formerly of Snell; thence Westerly along said Snell's land fifty (50) feet to an iron pin at land now or formerly of Russo; thence Northerly along said Russo's land nine hundred and fifty (950) feet more or less to a pine stump at land now or formerly of Calabrese; thence Easterly along said Calabrese's land eight hundred and seventy-two (872) feet more or less to the place of beginning.

Subject to the restrictions, if same are now in force in deed from Joseph Work to Edith H. Crouss dated November 4, 1899, and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 596, Page 403.

Being the premises described as Parcel 1 in a deed of William J. O'Toole to Mary A. Sullivan, Trustee, dated December 3, 1980 and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 5037, Page 291.

An ordinance now before the Town Council.

The Agawam Town Council will hold a public hearing on Monday, May 3, 1982, at 8:00 p.m., in the Agawam Public Library Community Room, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, Massachusetts, on the above petitioned zone change of Diplomat Builders, Inc., the holder of Equitable Title to said property by virtue of a contract executed between Diplomat Builders, Inc. and the said Mary A. Sullivan, holder of the legal title to the property.

Rita S. Rose
Town & Council Clerk
Published: April 15, 1982

LEGAL NOTICE

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TOWN OF AGAWAM SPRINGFIELD STREET LAYOUT ALTERATIONS PETITION NO. 82-01

The Street Acceptance Committee, Designated Agent of the Town Council, with which was filed a Petition by the Superintendent of Public Works praying that:

SPRINGFIELD STREET, so called, a public way in Agawam, County of Hampden, Massachusetts, be laid out and altered as a public way from WALNUT STREET EXTENSION to SUFFIELD STREET, under the provisions of law authorizing the same, and also to layout and establish the grade therein.

Said altered layout of SPRINGFIELD STREET is proposed to be generally sixty (60) feet in width from Station 254+22.71 to Station 260+07.99, a distance of 0.111 mile.

The Street Acceptance Committee hereby gives notice that it will meet at 12:00 Noon on Friday, April 30, 1982, in front of Dunkin Donuts at 12 Springfield Street to:

View the premises,
Hear all persons interested therein,
Determine whether the Street Acceptance Committee shall recommend any takings of land for the purposes stated in said petition,

Estimate the damages resulting from land takings, if any.

John Shaughnessy
Thomas Coppola
Alfred Trehey
Charles R. Calabrese
Harold S. Ellis
John P. Stone

STREET ACCEPTANCE COMMITTEE
Published: April 15, 1982

LEGAL NOTICE

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TOWN OF AGAWAM WALNUT STREET EXTENSION LAYOUT ALTERATIONS PETITION NO. 82-02

The Street Acceptance Committee, Designated Agent of the Town Council, with which was filed a Petition by the Superintendent of Public Works praying that:

WALNUT STREET EXTENSION, so called, a public way in Agawam, County of Hampden, Massachusetts, be laid out and altered as a public way from SPRINGFIELD STREET to SUFFIELD STREET, under the provisions of law authorizing the same, and also to layout and establish the grade therein.

Said altered layout of WALNUT STREET EXTENSION is proposed to be generally sixty (60) feet in width from Station 0+67.11 to Station 13+81.39, a distance of 0.249 mile.

The Street Acceptance Committee hereby gives notice that it will meet at 12:15 p.m. on Friday, April 30, 1982 in front of J.W. Wimpy's, 365 Walnut Street Extension to:

View the premises,
Hear all persons interested therein,
Determine whether the Street Acceptance Committee shall recommend any takings of land for the purposes stated in said Petition,

Estimate the damages resulting from land takings, if any.

John Shaughnessy
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STREET ACCEPTANCE COMMITTEE
Published: April 15, 1982

SCHOOL



SEVENTH GRADER KIM PLAKIAS won an American History Essay Contest sponsored by the DAR. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

Orientation For Parents Of Incoming 8th Graders Slated

Administrators and guidance personnel at Agawam Junior High School have scheduled a Parent Orientation Night for those who will have eighth graders new to that school next fall. This event will take place on Tuesday, April 27th, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Junior High's auditorium.

School personnel hope to ease the transition into their school by discussing curriculum and various programs offered at the Junior High with parents prior to their children's switching schools.

Local 7th Grader Wins DAR Contest

By Joanne Brown

Twelve-year-old Kim Plakias has recently won the American History Essay Contest sponsored by Mercy Warren Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Kim's 800-word essay on Susan B. Anthony covered the suffragette's life from early childhood days through to her efforts on behalf of women's rights. For her thorough research and well-written report, Kim was awarded a certificate and a book on the beginnings of the American Revolutionary War.

An intelligent seventh grader who participated in this optional essay contest through her social studies teacher, Mrs. Annie Castle, at Agawam Middle School, Kim says she is particularly impressed by Susan B. Anthony's determination to succeed in spite of numerous setbacks in her efforts.

"I think I would have joined her work back then," Kim comments. "It's not right for women not to be able to express their opinions or to have to follow what men think even if they disagree."

In addition to her writing talents, Kim is also a flutist in the Agawam Middle School Band. She is the daughter of Thomas and Lynn Plakias of Barry Street, Feeding Hills.



AHS drum majors Anna Greguoli (left) and Alisa LaFrancis recently took third place awards in a drum major competition.

AHS Drum Majors Take Honors At National Festival

Agawam High School Band drum majors Anna Greguoli and Alisa LaFrancis recently took third place awards in drum major competition at the National Cherry Blossom Festival held in Washington, D.C.

This festival annually attracts many of the finest high school bands from across the country and features field and concert band performances as well as a parade on Constitution Avenue.

Both Anna and Alisa are accomplished musicians on the flute and have won numerous awards over the years at solo/ensemble performances. Anna also took on a second instrument and played the trombone in marching band as a junior last year and as a member of the Jazz Band this year.

Senior High drum majors are selected by members of the band just prior to their senior year, and in recent years, they have attended Drum Major Academy run by George Parks, director of University of Massachusetts Marching Band, who was a nationally acclaimed drum major himself in his college days. Parks is presently a national champion drum major for the Reading [PA] Buccaneers Drum Corps.

As drum majors for the Senior High band, Anna and Alisa have direct control of the band during parades and field performances. They also assist the director in training members in marching basics and in teaching and improving the marching show. Their musical abilities are needed in conducting field music and helping to polish musical performances by members of the group.

Both girls have contributed many hours of dedicated effort in helping the AHS Band achieve its goals during the year, according to Director Darcy Davis.

Laughing Brook Offers Vacation Week Events

Massachusetts Audubon Society's Laughing Brook Education Center in Hampden is offering a series of children and family activities during school vacation week beginning Monday, April 19th.

Every day at 10:30 a.m., a different program is planned for the enjoyment of children and their parents. On Monday, some of Laughing Brook's live animals will be introduced and Day Camp Director Anne Groth will lead a walk to find out about life around ponds on Tuesday.

Recycle for Children, Inc., of Wilbraham will help children create crafts on Wednesday. On Thursday, Staff Naturalist Tom Tynning will lead families on a walk to look at spring flowers, tiny animals, and try some environmental games. Friday will bring Stories of Spring led by Nancy McCreary, an early childhood specialist and Laughing Brook volunteer.

Each school vacation program is open to the public and fees, which include admission to the sanctuary, are charged. Space is limited on some programs and preregistration is suggested for all. For more information, call Laughing Brook at (413) 566-8034.



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Nursery School Workshop Experience Will Aid In Parenting

By Joanne Brown

The home economics curriculum at Agawam High School offers solid practical experience in early childhood care to young women who, for the most part, will become mothers themselves within a few years. A particularly beneficial course in this area is Nursery School Workshop, which is a followup to child development classes.

Currently numbering six members, the workshop course takes these individuals into three nursery schools in Agawam where they are given the opportunity to implement much of the learning they obtained in child development classes.

Such learning covers information from pre-natal days through to pre-school years. Children's emotional, social, physical, and mental development are studied.

According to Mrs. Anne Eckart, who teaches the course as well as supervises the followup workshop, the pre-natal section is quite detailed and employs considerable material on birth defects supplied from the March of Dimes organization. Discussion of genetics and heredity is an important element of pre-natal understanding as is the influence of venereal disease as it affects the birth of a child.

"We cover personality development of a young child from his being egocentric, or self-absorbed, to his becoming a social being," Mrs. Eckart explains. "We also deal with mental development including the physical aspects of brain growth."

Mrs. Eckart points out that the study of language development is one most important aspect included in her classes.

"Do you realize that most children have a vocabulary of about 200 words as soon as they start talking?" she asks. "These are words whose meanings they have absorbed, but have not yet been physically able to vocalize. We study the development of a child's tongue, teeth, etc. in conjunction with his ability to talk."

Little Visitors Come To Class

Mrs. Eckart explains that she has little children from infant age through to five years old come to class for her students to observe and work with. Infants come in individually with their mothers, who talk with the students of their pre-natal condition, the delivery, and post-birth family life.

Students in the class are required to develop original games and activities to try with toddlers and pre-schoolers. These activities must be original and cannot be purchased. One successful game involved asking toddlers to match like items by criss-crossing pieces of string to connect similar bits of pipe-cleaner or globs of clay or sand. The high school students then evaluate the activity to determine which work best with which age groups.

Workshop Involves Out-Of-School Experiences

Though child development classes usually number between forty and sixty students, this year's workshop includes only six enthusiastic young women. Two each are assigned to Small World Nursery School, Building Block Nursery School, and to the Children's Center.

According to Mrs. Eckart, the class makes up the activities to try with youngsters in conjunction with whatever is being studied at a particular time in the schools. Besides doing their own activities, the girls help out the nursery school supervisors, especially with large group activities or with shy children.

Kathy Stowers, a participant in the workshop class, says she feels she is better prepared to be a parent since she has had this experience. "I know so much more now about little kids and how to expect them to behave," Kathy points out. "The best part is having direct contact with them, learning their personalities and growing close to each of them."

According to Pam Goguen of Small World, there is definite benefit on both sides from the workshop experience. She enjoys supervising the high school girls and appreciates having their help.



DEVISING ACTIVITIES to do with pre-schoolers at nursery schools in town are, left to right, Bonnie Tesny, Cathy Parent, Kathryn Stowers, Jackie Gregalis, Tricia Sweeney, and Gina Gonnello. Photo by Jack Devine.

Joan Fontaine from Building Block particularly cites the girls enthusiasm and willingness to spend a lot of time with her young charges. "In fact, my only complaint about the entire program is that there is not enough time for them to be with us," Mrs. Fontaine notes.

These two women along with Sue Wright of the Children's Center are responsible for evaluating the performances of the high school students as part of their grade in the workshop course. Much of this evaluation centers on their willingness to assume responsibility, their dependability, their creativity, and especially how well they work with the pre-schoolers, who are "pretty critical judges of performance themselves."

A successful evaluation in Nursery School Workshop doesn't necessarily mean the high school girls will be better mothers, but it's a definite plus. Mrs. Eckart is quick to note, though, that there are two sexes involved in parenting, and she is hopeful that high school boys may become interested in studying child development in the near future.



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YOUR DENTAL HEALTH

By Dr. Stephen Jacapraro
DMD

Now that Spring is finally upon us and people are once again venturing outside their homes in search of knowledge, I thought that I would explain some of the procedures that are performed in preparing a decayed tooth to receive a silver filling.

First, to remove tooth structure and decay quickly the dentist uses the high speed handpiece (drill). This is the drill that makes the whistling or whining sound and ejects water while it is running. It gets its name-high speed-because it spins at about 400,000 revolutions per minute. The dentist in removing the decay is also shaping his preparation according to the anatomy of the tooth, position of the cavity, extent of the decay and to hold the material that has been chosen to restore the tooth to proper function.

After the dentist has completed the outline form the way he wants the restoration to look, if there is still decay present he will use the low speed handpiece (this is the one which causes you to feel vibration). This handpiece is used in deep areas of decay because it gives a greater tactile sense between sound tooth structure and decay than does the high speed handpiece. This low speed handpiece rotates at about 30,000 RPM with the pedal to the metal; usually, the dentist is operating it at about one half that speed.

After all the decay is removed, the dentist redefines the preparation with the high speed handpiece making sure that the preparation has retention which means undercutting the margins at the bottom of the preparation (looking into the preparation, the bottom margins should not be visible; therefore when the silver restoration sets, it will not fall out unless it is broken.)

Now we have a beautiful preparation, but we now must place a restoration to complete the treatment. Before the actual restoration is placed you have probably noticed several other things are done. A white paste is placed on the exposed dentin to act as an insulating layer between the metal restoration (which conducts heat and cold) and the sensitive tooth, this paste also stimulates the nerve to produce more dentin which places more distance between it and the filling.

If the cavity and therefore the preparation are deep, another white paste containing eugenol (oil of cloves) is placed, once again to act as insulation and also to sedate the tooth. On top of these bases, is placed a li-



Your Back & Your Health

By Dr. Joseph &
Katherine Schaffer
CHIROPRACTORS

Your legs propel you through life and without their use, it's obvious that you're not going to get far.

What is meant by "foot droop"? This is diagnostic slang to describe what one experiences when one doesn't feel secure in his or her steps.

You can only imagine the concern of an individual who depends upon the constant use of the legs, such as a housewife or a working man. The leg and foot problems we are discussing here are generally called degenerative diseases. They are, however, not only problems of the elderly, and as a matter of fact, usually start cropping up in the late 20's or early 30's.

The symptoms of lower back disc degeneration are casual at first - numbness in the legs, tingling sensations, a limb that's quick to "go to sleep." As weeks, months, and years pass, the problem begins to manifest itself more seriously. There are shooting pains in the legs, coldness of the legs or feet, and lack of feeling. The progressive loss of normal function of the limb is becoming apparent.

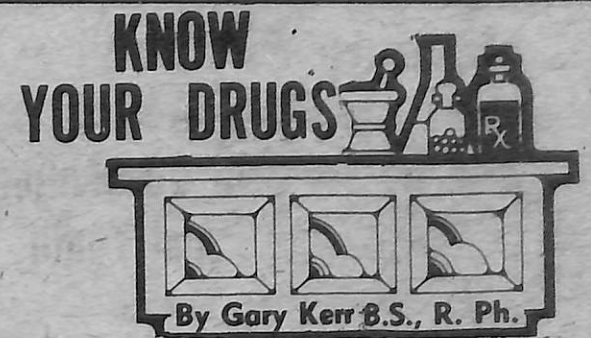
Those symptoms - numbness, pain, tingling, etc. - should be an immediate call for accurate diagnosis and effective treatment. Tests should be taken to reveal if the circulatory or nervous system is impaired. Leg and foot problems should be investigated immediately.

Remember, time if the friend of degenerative disease. One of the most disheartening experiences in the world is to examine a wheelchair-confined person only to find that inattention has so affected the disc tissue that the pain is no longer controlled.

Chiropractic treatment is specialized treatment that often prevents this progressive degeneration or may delay it.

quid varnish which helps to seal tubules that are cut during the process of cavity preparations; this material diminishes the typical shock reaction of any living tissue to surgery.

Now the tooth is ready to receive the silver restoration. The restoration is tightly placed and overfilled so that all margins are covered. Finally, the restoration is carved or shaped to conform with the anatomy of that tooth and with your bite.



By Gary Kerr B.S., R. Ph.

For more than a century now nitroglycerin has been employed in angina pectoris patients as a pain-killer. Nitroglycerin tablets were the first pharmaceutical dosage form available and in the 1950's the drug was made available in an ointment form. Most recently the agent has been introduced as a patch, one which adheres to the skin and delivers nitroglycerin into the bloodstream at a steady rate over a 24 hour period. Each product generates many consumer questions, some which relate to storage, some to side effects, and some to administration techniques.

Nitroglycerin tablets are to be taken sublingually, which means the tablet is to be dissolved under the tongue; they are not to be swallowed whole or chewed. It is recommended that the tablet be taken as directed by the physician which is usually at the first sign of an angina attack. Chest pain is generally relieved with one tablet but many patients may require a second tablet which is to be taken after five minutes without relief from the first dose has passed.

Storage of NTG tablets is important. They should be kept in the original brown glass container with the cover tightly closed to preserve freshness. Tablets are to be stored in a cool, dry place and not in a refrigerator or medicine cabinet. The container should be kept in a coat pocket or other area away from the body. Fresh tablets should produce a tingling sensation when placed under the tongue; old tablets should be discarded and a fresh supply obtained from your pharmacy.

As with the other NTG products, alcoholic beverages should be avoided. Also headache and flushing, which normally disappears after a few minutes, is seen with all NTG products. Other common side effects include dizziness, weakness, or fainting, but most people experience few or no side effects.

Nitroglycerin ointment is especially useful in the prevention of angina attacks by virtue of its 4-8 hour duration of action. One manufacturer recommends finding the right dosage in the following manner: apply 1/2 inch of ointment initially and increase the dose in 1/2 inch increments until a headache occurs. The patient can then decrease the dose to the largest dose that does not cause a headache.

The ointment should be spread in a thin layer to a hairless area of the body, always covering the same size area. Patients should avoid applying the ointment with their fingers because headache and flushing will likely follow. Tubes of NTG ointment contain an application paper which should be utilized. After application the ointment should be covered with plastic kitchen wrap or other suitable material and held in place with adhesive tape. When the drug is to be discontinued,

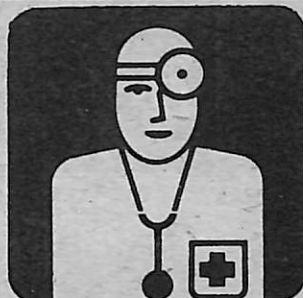
dosage and frequency of administration should be tapered over a period of weeks. Care should be taken to alternate the areas of application to prevent skin irritation.

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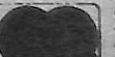
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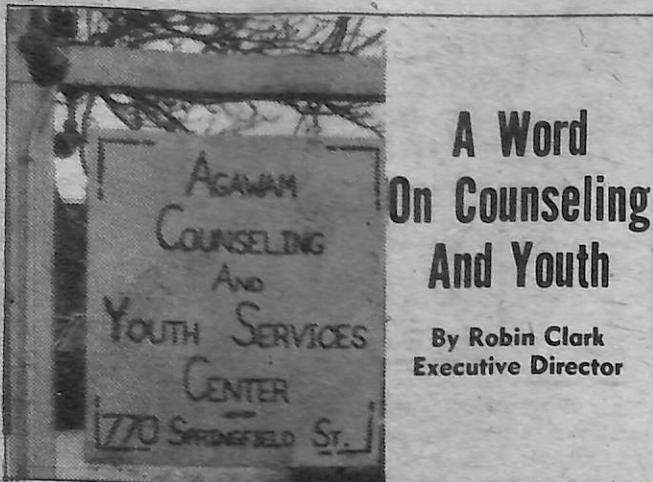
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A Word On Counseling And Youth

By Robin Clark
Executive Director

An area of particular interest to us at the Center is drug abuse prevention and treatment. We currently receive support from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health for the provision of these services to adolescents and adults.

The type of treatment offered at the Center is generally termed out-patient drug free therapy. This means that individuals remain at home while receiving services, as opposed to living at the treatment facility. Those addicted to opiates, such as heroin, usually require a period of detoxification in a medical facility to rid the body of its physical dependence on the drug prior to beginning out-patient therapy. Individuals who need attention or support around the clock can receive service from a variety of in-patient facilities.

Methadone maintenance is another alternative available to those with a heroin addiction. Methadone programs are available only at a limited number of ap-

proved sites. Providence Hospital in Holyoke offers a program which serves our area.

For most people, out-patient therapy is the appropriate form of treatment. Through individual or family psychotherapy an individual can begin to understand the role drugs play in his/her life, the factors which led to the drug dependency and the changes which must be made in order to live without drugs.

Another focus of this type of therapy is the exploration and development of positive alternatives to replace the drugs. This is especially important for young people who are exploring new roles and developing their own styles of coping with stress.

Research suggests that the old methods of teaching young people about the effects of various drugs, in an attempt to discourage them from using drugs, actually has the opposite effect. It encourages drug use.

The most effective programs for young people today focus on the development of problem solving skills and methods of coping with stress that provide attractive alternatives to the escape available through drugs. Rather than dwelling on the negative aspects of drugs, these programs seek to develop an individual's ability to make intelligent, informed decisions concerning his or her life.

The two most important prerequisites for successful treatment are 1) a willingness to admit that drugs are interfering with one's life and 2) the desire to eliminate the drug dependency. If a person does not believe that drugs are a problem there is little hope for successful treatment. Indeed, the admission of an inappropriate dependency on drugs is often considered the most important step in one's recovery.

If you have questions concerning drug abuse treatment, please give us a call at 786-6410. We will be happy to share our knowledge with you.

Riverside Park Opens 60th Season

For nearly 140 years, RIVERSIDE PARK has been a favorite place for New Englanders. Originally a picnic grove in 1840, the then "Gallups Grove" was famous for its clambakes throughout the nineteenth century. In the early 1880's, Captain E. H. Smith became the owner, changed the name to "Riverside Grove" and initiated steamboat transportation from Springfield to the park site in Agawam, Massachusetts. The largest and most notable of the steamboats was the "Sylvia."

In 1912, "Riverside Grove" underwent the transformation from grove to amusement park, thanks to new owner Henry J. Perkins. The park operated successfully for a few years but then declined because of the automobile, and of course, the Depression.

Edward J. Carroll took over the ownership of the park in 1939. The first season under new ownership saw a merry-go-round, a loop the loop, 12 Dodgem cars, a ferris wheel, archery, penny arcade, food stands, a fun house named the "House of Splinters" and an elephant, camel, tiger and "wild turkey" as the first rides and attractions in the park.

In the late 1940's, Carroll established Riverside Speedway. Once a dance pavillion where Glenn Miller's Band and the like performed, it has in recent years undergone revisions such as the extension of the track to a quarter-mile oval and its recent NASCAR affiliations.

Today, with the continual addition of rides and attractions, and the beautification program it is undergoing, Riverside Park is no longer the tiny park it once was, but rather the largest Amusement Park in New England.

Know Your Drugs - From P.18

fect. These patches should be applied to a hairless area such as the upper arm or chest. They should not be applied to the extremities, nor to skin folds, scars, callouses, or irritated areas. Yes, patients may bathe or shower while wearing these patches. When the drug is to be discontinued it should be tapered as mentioned above.

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Valley Press Scholarship Taking Applications

The application deadline for the 1982 Valley Press Club scholarships has been set for April 30th. Application forms may be obtained from guidance personnel at Agawam High School or by writing to James Fiola, committee chairman, in care of Friendly Ice Cream, Corp., 1855 Boston Road, Springfield, MA 01095. Applicants must be planning to attend an accredited

institution of higher education and planning a career in newspaper or other print media, journalism, radio and/or television, films, public relations, news photography or advertising.

The committee will decide whether to award one \$1,000 scholarship or two \$500 grants. Winners will be announced in June.



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Tuesday, April 20th vs Long. (H) 10:00
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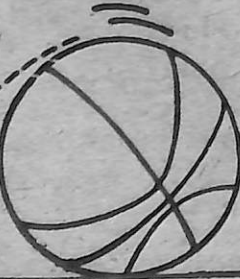
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FIRE-WISE

By Russell Jenks
Acting Fire Chief

The Fire-Wise Kitchen

Fire and burns can't happen without heat, so it stands to reason that the fire-wise homeowner takes special safety precautions in that veritable menagerie of heating devices and hot objects, the kitchen. Here's how to make your kitchen fire and burn safe - for yourself and for the little ones.

Don't hold a child in your lap while drinking coffee. Keep the tyke a safe distance away while you pump yourself full of caffeine, lest a sudden movement by the child jostle your hand, spilling hot liquid and scalding the little one.

Speaking of little ones, if you have a toddler, put away that tablecloth for a few years. The child might tug on the tablecloth and pull heavy objects, hot foods or scalding liquids down on himself or herself.

Appliance cords should be coiled and tied with twist ties so they don't dangle over countertops. Dangling cords can catch in cabinet doors or attract the tugs of a child, upsetting the appliance and causing burns or injury.

Always use potholders when carrying pots and pans off the stove. To carry a pot whose handles are so hot you can barely hold them is to invite a fumble and a deadly, burning spill.

If you have children, keep them in a highchair or playpen or behind a gate and out of the kitchen whenever you cook.

Keep pot handles turned in when cooking. A handle that dangles over the front of the stove could be jostled by an adult hip or, worse, tugged by a young hand and cause a burn.

Don't store cookies and similar goodies above the stove. It's easy to touch a hot burner reaching across the stove; little ones may actually try to climb onto the stove surface in search of sweets. For the same reason, it's wise to avoid garments with balloon sleeves, hanging tassels or other loose-fitting features when cooking which are more likely to touch a burner and ignite.

Speaking of ignition, where have you mounted your kitchen fire extinguisher? If it's above the stove, move it elsewhere otherwise if a pan fire occurs, you'll have to reach through flames to get the extinguisher! Of course, another way to put out a pan fire is to cover the burning pan with its lid, smothering the flames. Never try to carry a burning pan outside. If you don't spill flaming liquid on yourself, you're liable to ignite woodwork, curtains, and upholstery as you rush to the door with your flaming burden.

Finally, know what to do if your clothing catches fire. Drop to the floor and roll to put out the fire. Treat this or any burn by cooling the burn with cold water which removes residual heat in the tissues that cause further burning. Cover the burn with a sterile pad or clean sheet - never with grease or butter - and seek medical attention.

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MARKET WATCH

By Michael Serafino
Bache, Halsey,
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Good Future For Utilities Stock

During 1982, we feel that a favorable market climate for buying stock in electric utilities exists. Those companies that produce our energy, have as a group weathered the recent stock market plunges quite well. The future also looks good.

We anticipate a total return (dividends plus growth) of close to 18 percent per year over the next five years. Investors can look for a 6 percent increase in earnings (over 1981 figures) which should spur higher dividends. During 1981, more than 75 percent of the forty-one utilities which Bache followed raised their dividends.

While generally considered a conservative investment strategy, owning stock in electric utility companies takes on an added attraction this year, thanks to the 1981 Tax Act. The law allows individuals to annually exclude utility dividend income up to \$1500 on a joint return, and \$750 on a single return if the dividends are reinvested in qualified common stock through reinvestment plans offered by utilities.

From a practical standpoint, 99 percent of public utilities that basically provide electric service qualify; telephone utilities and most natural gas utilities are not expected to qualify. In effect, instead of taking a quarterly dividend check from the utility, the investor's dividends purchase more shares in the utility.

The shares must be held for more than one year to benefit from the exclusion. When the shares are eventually sold, those that were received from the dividend reinvestment program will be taxed at capital gains rates, which are more favorable than regular income rates.

It must be remembered however, that if the shares are sold before the one year period is up, the investor will be subject to ordinary income tax rates. As in all tax matters, a tax advisor should be consulted.

There is a great variety of companies to choose from in the utility industry. Certain utilities produce electricity primarily with oil; others use coal or nuclear power; some use a combination. Regulatory environments vary from company to company dictating the rates which are charged customers and ultimately affect earnings and dividends.

At this juncture of the market, we are recommending the purchase of electric utility common stock, emphasizing selectivity. In this way the conservative investor can realize high yields and good growth in 1982.

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Post Office Issues New Bird & Flower Stamps

Conventional wisdom has it that a bird in the hand is worth two in the bush, but the U.S. Postal Service has gone one better by putting the bird in the bush. A recently issue new pane of 20-cent stamps features the state bird and state flower of each of the 50 United States, today announced Feeding Hills Postmaster Joseph P. Dahdah and Agawam Postmaster Robert DeForge.

The new stamps were designed by American artists Arthur and Alan Singer, whose spectacular attention to detail has produced a colorful and educational panorama of lesser-known Americana.

The new stamps may not touch off a national craze of bird watching or inspire a new generation of botanists, but, the pane of 50 stamps does offer an opportunity for an interesting and often entertaining study of the distribution of some of the nation's living national treasures.

For example, cursory inspection of the 50 new stamps will reveal that cardinals, mocking birds and the western meadowlark are the most popular choices for state birds. The cardinal is the state bird of Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina, Ohio, Virginia and West Virginia.

The mockingbird is the choice of Arkansas, Florida, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Texas. Residents of Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Oregon and Wyoming hail the western meadowlark as their state bird.

According to Dahdah and DeForge, several states salute the well-known varieties of birds. Wrens are the state birds of Arizona (cactus wren) and South Carolina (Carolina wren). Idaho and Nevada chose the mountain bluebird, while Missouri and New York feature the eastern bluebird. Robins hold the official designation in Connecticut, Michigan and Wisconsin.

Finches are also popular. Iowa's choice is the eastern goldfinch, New Hampshire's the purple finch. Both New Jersey and Washington selected the American goldfinch.

Even the chicken received state honors; the blue hen chicken is the state bird of Delaware, and the Rhode Island Red is the designate of the state whose name it bears.

Actor W.C. Fields, the subject of a U.S. commemorative stamp himself, now has some famous company, Dahdah and DeForge noted. His utterance of "My Little Chickadee" is a Fields standard, and the bird itself is the state bird of Maine and Massachusetts (black-capped chickadee). Another bird made famous by show business - the roadrunner - is the designee of New Mexico.

Some states have chosen more exotic birds as state symbols. California chose the California Quail, while the Hawaii Goose is the choice of the nation's 50th state. The ring-necked pheasant is the state bird of North Dakota, while Pennsylvania chose the ruffed grouse. The common loon was selected by Minnesota, and Alaska's state bird is the willow ptarmigan.

If you wish further information on these special state-bird and state-flower stamps, contact either Postmaster Dahdah or DeForge.

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SPORTS

Outlook: Excellent Once Again, Brownies To Rule Div. B Diamonds

By Chris Hout

Now that the storm which strafed the region with 15 inches of snow has finally passed, it's time to play baseball once again.

That's right. Spring really is here and to prove it the Agawam Brownies are opening their 1982 baseball season on Friday against defending Western Mass. champion Westfield beginning at 3:15.

Directing Agawam's fortunes once again will be veteran coach Gerry Smith, who will be looking to grab his 11th league title in 14 years when the bell rings on Friday afternoon.

The Brownies are in excellent shape and to prove our point, just look at this:

They are returning seven starters from last season's 15-5 league champion, three of their four starting pitchers and seven 300 plus hitters to their offensive arsenal.

"We're definitely in good shape," understated Smith, who is still searching for that elusive Western Mass. title. "The hitting on this team is outstanding and the team defense looks good also."

The infield is rock solid, especially on the left side with third baseman Timmy Ayre and slick shortstop Scott Negrucci. The right side will be manned by second baseman Tony Venturini and first sackers Boo Smith and Kevin Barnes.

The outfield is weakened by the absence of two-time All Western Mass. centerfielder Dave Lyne who has since graduated.

But Paul Dezielle, Al Fenney, George Groom, John Calabrese, Jim Egan and Scott Josephson still make up a good high school set of outfielders with starting positions still up for grabs.

Behind the plate the Brownies are super strong with seniors Keith Mercadante and Kevin Barnes. The two will see action on a rotating basis with Barnes' talents also utilized at first base when Boo Smith pitches and Mercadante will take an occasional turn as the designated hitter.

"I've got to keep both of those guys in the lineup," said Smith of Mercadante and Barnes. "They are both outstanding hitters and great defensive catchers. They very well may be the two best catchers in all of Western Mass. on the same team, no less."

The pitching staff is well groomed by the return of All Western Mass. selection Boo Smith (3-0, five saves, 1.85 ERA), All-League choice Paul Dezielle (6-1), John Calabrese (3-1) and Dave Vecchiarelli (1-0).

Newcomers Tony Bryant and John Bonavita provide added depth to an already talent rich staff.

"I don't have that one great pitcher that I've had in the past," Smith pointed out. "But I cannot remember a year in which my staff was so deep. They are all tough."

If Smith is to guide his team to a first ever Western Mass title, he'll have to do it without the services of two-time all-stars Lyne and second baseman Dave Gallerani.

Lyne, a near .500 hitter for much of his high school career, and Gallerani, an excellent hitter and fielder, were lost last June to graduation.

"You just don't replace ballplayers like those two," stated Smith. "They both covered a lot of ground at their positions and they hit as well as anyone. But the people in their slots can do the job. I'm sure of that."

BROWNIE NOTES: Agawam's top two newcomers are juniors Bobby Eggleston, an impressive young second baseman, and Bryant, who made the varsity staff after completing a banner season with the junior varsity last year.



VARSITY BASEBALL Coach Gerry Smith.

Lionettes Slate Softball Signups

The Agawam Lionettes girls softball team will accept sign-ups from all eligible girls wishing to try-out for the 1982 season.

The Lionettes play competitive 16-18 fast-pitch, suburban-level summer softball, in the nationally-sanctioned Pioneer Valley Girls Softball League. The season spans June and July with All-Star games in August.

The Lionettes traditionally play in an out-of-state tournament over the July 4th weekend and also play in the Mass. State Championships. The winner of the states advance to the New England regionals and that winner advances to the nationals.

Player Eligibility

1. Age 16 to 18 on August 31, 1982.
2. Resident of Agawam or a full-time student in an Agawam school.
3. At least two full seasons fast-pitch softball experience.
4. Available for commitment to 80 percent of the scheduled team activities (through July 31).

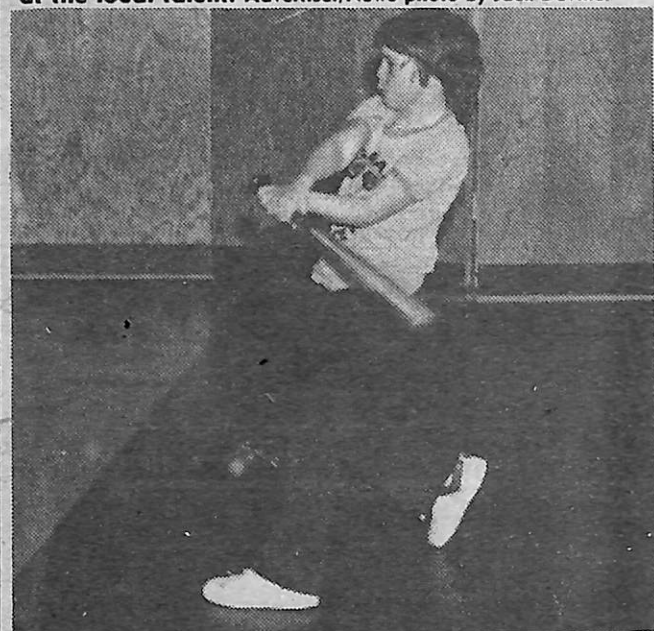
To help meet the growing costs of the team, the girls that make the roster will be required to pay a \$20 registration fee, and will be required to participate in fund-raising activities. All such fees and funds will apply to travel expenses, as the team is fully sponsored for regular season games.

To sign-up, simply telephone the coach, Mr. Meissner 789-0067, evenings prior to April 20, 1982.

AAA Holds Annual Spring Draft



MIGHTY MITE RAY STONE gives it a mighty clout during the Agawam Athletic Association's annual spring draft, held on Saturday at the Junior High School gym. The blizzard last week forced the tryouts to be held indoors but nonetheless, coaches got a good look at the local talent. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.



DARIN SCHLOSSER, Agawam's answer to Pete Rose, takes a poke at the ball on Saturday at the AAA's annual spring draft. Advertiser/News photo by Jack Devine.

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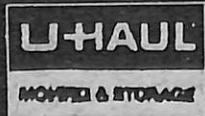
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Tri-Parish Bowlers Enter Seventh Match

The update on the 7th match of the 3rd round: Here is a scoop-EDDIE ANDERSON, captain of the Loyola team pulled a fast one on our Lordly Barber and Hair Stylist-none other than FRANK RESCIGNO by felling just 2 pins more. He smashed the 146 seasonal high single set by Frank. Eddie's strings were as follows: 95,148,109 for a pinfall of 352. The 148 felling is now the new seasonal high single. Congratulations, Eddie. For Frank, well the season is not over yet.

Loyola's opponent was St. Anselm who is captained by EDDIE CONNOR of the Riverside Park Amusement Center. All Eddie Connor could do was 132,93,89 for a pinfall of 314 against Eddie Anderson's 352 pinfall. Eddie Connor is a busy, busy man; that was probably the reason. However, it was 2 wins for Loyola and 2 wins for St. Anselm. RAY BARBIERI who rolls for St. Anselm did some cavorting for the team by felling 121, 111,97 for a pinfall of 329.

Fordham is still in first place with 19 wins and a pinfall total of 9526. Fordham's captain is ANN O'CONNELL-wife of MIKE O'CONNELL who captains St. Michael. What a match; Ann bowled a 100,125,103 for a pinfall of 328. Mike felled a 117,104,88 showing a pinfall of 309. It was 2 wins for St. Michael dropping them into the third place slot with a total of 9480. Fordham with their two wins kept them in first place. A cheer for DEBBIE POIRIER who helped Mike with her 103,108,96 and a total of 307. But then Debbie always comes through. VIN GOSSELIN who bowls on Ann's team did help the cause by bowling a 101 string. Every little pin helps.

The St. Mary team captained by Frank Rescigno

took 4 wins from Catholic University who is captained by JIM SNYDER. STEVE STORK of St. Mary was the star turning in a 100,123,103 for a pinfall of 326 against Jim Snyder of Catholic University's foursome. Jim Snyder's scores were 100,92,121.

Now about JEFF DANNER, captain of St. Louis team. He turned in a 142,113,133 for a total of 388. His opponent BOBBY MOCCIO turned in a 97,113,113 for a total of 323. Result: St. Louis took 3 wins and Boston College captained by Bobby took 1 win.

Also, honorable mention must be given to your COOKBOOK EDITOR, MICHELE PISANO who turned in a 108,109,102 for a total of 319. She certainly did help Jeff with the 3 wins. CINDY COFFEE, fiancée of Jeff did help in her sweet demure manner with a pinfall of 268. TONY DEPALO, brother of President ESTHER DEPALO tried to help Bobby and managed the best he could with a 281.

The other half of the Moccio team-Al turned in a 116,100,111 for a pinfall of 327 which made his Georgetown team take 3 wins from Villanova which is captained by ERNIE BLAIR. Ernie's star for the evening was JOHN NASCEMBENI, the local drummer of THE PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY TRIO with his dad BART NASCEMBENI. John bowled 132,88,90. Villanova took one win.

Notre Dame split 2 wins with Holy Cross-Notre Dame-2, Holy Cross-2. JOHN RESCIGNO is captain of Notre Dame. They managed to stay in second place with a total pinfall of 9586. EDDIE GALLERANI captains Holy Cross; they need help. However, MARYBETH COUGHLIN who bowls with Holy Cross did turn in a neat 114,97,89 for a pinfall total of 300.

You Have To See Well To Play Well

Not hitting the ball, puck, basket, pins or whatever is one sign an athlete may have a vision problem but it is not the only one, says Dr. Thomas Clark of Somerset, President of the Massachusetts Society of Optometrists.

"Studies have found that 60 percent of the U.S. Olympic contenders could sharpen their competitive performance by improving their vision skills. Whether a

person plays for recreation or in amateur or professional competition, giving extra added attention to vision could mean better playing, more enjoyment and maybe even coming out a winner more often," Dr. Clark commented.

Here is a list of clues that may indicate an athlete has a vision problem or needs to sharpen his or her vision skills.

- Performance becomes worse rather than better, even after much practice.
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Sportsmen's Corner

By Bill Chiba

What a circus a recent Monday was at the boat ramp across from Elmer's Bait Shop, Congamond. The hatchery truck pulled into the parking lot with ten cars following it. Before the crew had finished tossing in trout from the truck, the parking lot had filled up with cars. The fiasco was on.

Fishermen stood armpit to armpit flogging the water for the released trout. It was a slaughter! The three-trout limit was ignored and fish after fish was deposited in the parked cars. A good-hearted soul even walked across the street from the ramp and gave the garage attendant four trout.

This scenario has taken place twice at the Congamond Lakes. It is a shame. A group of 20 or so fishermen are cleaning out the trout before the rest of the license holders in the state get a crack at them. These poachers are obnoxious, violent, and foul mouthed. Why buy a license to fish for trout? The working stiff who can only get out after work and on weekends is fishing troutless waters. We need to go back to closing the fishing for a month and let the Division crew stock the streams and lakes. On opening day, the fish have had a chance to acclimate to the body of water and the majority of license holders at least have a chance to catch a fish that he has paid dearly for. I would rather witness a circus of fishermen on opening day than what happened at Congamond on that recent Monday.

The Mawaga Sporting club will hold its fishing derby, Sunday, April 18th. Breakfast will be served from 7 to 9 a.m. The fee will be \$1.50 for 12 years old and up and only \$1 for under 12. The meal will consist of ham, eggs, potatoes, and toast.

Fishing will start at 9 a.m. A \$2 entry fee will enable fishermen to catch two fish each. If an extra fish is caught, it will carry a dollar charge.

Dom Tangredi is in charge of the work parties and is looking for help. Please contact him at the club or at his home to let him know when you are available.

There will be a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Agawam Bowmen Club for the purpose of electing officers for 1982. The meeting will be held at the clubhouse and will begin at 2 p.m. There will be archery instructions available after the meeting.

The first archery tournament of the season will be held on April 18th at the Bay Path Bowman in Southbridge. The following Sunday, the second shoot will be held at the Pioneer Valley Sportsmen's Club in West Springfield. Shooting will commence at 8 a.m. and will end at 5 p.m. This year, an archer must hit class before he is eligible for an award.

A reminder that the Frank Sousa dinner will be held May 1st at the Thorndike, St. Thomas Parish Center. The proceeds of the dinner will be used to sustain the sportsmen's lobbyist in Boston. Every hunter and fisherman should feel obligated to attend the affair. If you can't attend, then send a donation for your part in protecting the sport of your choice.

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Local Runner Qualifies For Boston Marathon

By Chris Hout

Long time Agawam resident Thomas Conlin of Chapin Street has qualified for the annual Boston Marathon race to be held this Monday morning in Boston.

Conlin, a 41-year old engraver, qualified for the prestigious marathon last year at a marathon race in Sheffield with a time of three hours and six minutes. He finished 80th out of a field of 300 entrants.

For a man of over 40 to qualify for the Boston Marathon, he must run the grueling 26-mile trek under three hours and ten minutes. Men under the age of 40 must run a marathon under two hours and fifty minutes.

"The race is going to be so tough because of the competition," said Conlin. "Everyone who entered the race had to qualify first. It's not like other marathons where you don't have to qualify. I'd say at least 5,500 of the 6,000 runners will finish."

The marathon, an annual Patriots Day event, will begin in the town of Hopkington at high noon and will conclude 26 miles later at the Prudential Center in downtown Boston.

Conlin, who runs between 50 and 60 miles a week, is hoping to finish the race in approximately three hours.

"If I can finish the marathon in three hours I'll be extremely happy," he said. "I should finish about 2000th out of 6,000 if I can make that time."

Conlin has competed in 17 marathons in the past, finishing in the top 25 percent in each race. The Boston Marathon will be his stiffest challenge yet.

He has also competed in many road races over the years, including the Holyoke Road Race, the WAQY 102 race and the Banacos Race held in Westfield.

"I love the competition," offered Conlin. "It (the running) started out to be just for fun but then I started getting into various road races and just loved the competition."

Conlin, who does some weightlifting to compliment his 50-60 miles of road work per week, says he couldn't work as hard pounding the pavement if he didn't have the competition to look forward to.



THOMAS CONLIN

"The road races keep me going," said Conlin. "I love to run but I don't think that I could run as much as I do just for the heck of it. I have to have something to look forward too."

Following the Boston Marathon, Conlin's next race will be the Holyoke Road Race on May 23, an event he won in 1976.

Conlin has also won Westfield's Banacos race. "To stay with running you have to love it," said Conlin. "A lot of people start jogging but they become bored with it and eventually give it up. I love it and as long as I do I'll keep it up. There's nothing better for your body."

Does Conlin, who runs every night before supper, consider himself a health nut?

"No, not really," he responded. "I'm running because I enjoy it and the competition it provides, not only against others, but against yourself. Anything positive that comes out of it in terms of making my body function better is just another plus for me."

Icebreaker '82 Slated At Thompson

Icebreaker '82 at Thompson Speedway, Thompson, Connecticut, will take place on Sunday, May 2nd, having been postponed due to inclement weather recently. The \$27,000 NASCAR Modified 82-lap event, the traditional opener for NASCAR's super-popular Modified competitors in the Northeast, will now be run in its entirety on that first Sunday in May.

"After careful consideration regarding the best interests of everyone concerned, and considering Easter weekend which is a traditional family holiday, we decided to reschedule the Icebreaker as our season opener," said NEPRA's Irv Potter.

Potter continued, "The Icebreaker will now become the Icebreaker," adding that the race format for the event will remain the same, including feature events for Street Stocks and Pro Stocks.

Activities will get underway at the five-eighths mile Speedway at noon on May 2nd. Tickets can be purchased at the Speedway office during normal office hours (five days a week, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.) or by calling 203-923-9591. On race day, the telephone number is 203-923-9331.

Tennis Lessons Set For Agawam 'Y' Family Center

Peter Hoontis, Director of Youth and Family Services for the Springfield YMCA announced that Brian Lachapelle will be conducting a series of adult tennis lessons at the Agawam Outdoor Center.

Lessons will be offered for beginners, advanced beginners, and intermediates, both in the morning and evenings. Lessons will consist of six classes beginning the week of May 16th and conclude the week of June 21st.

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